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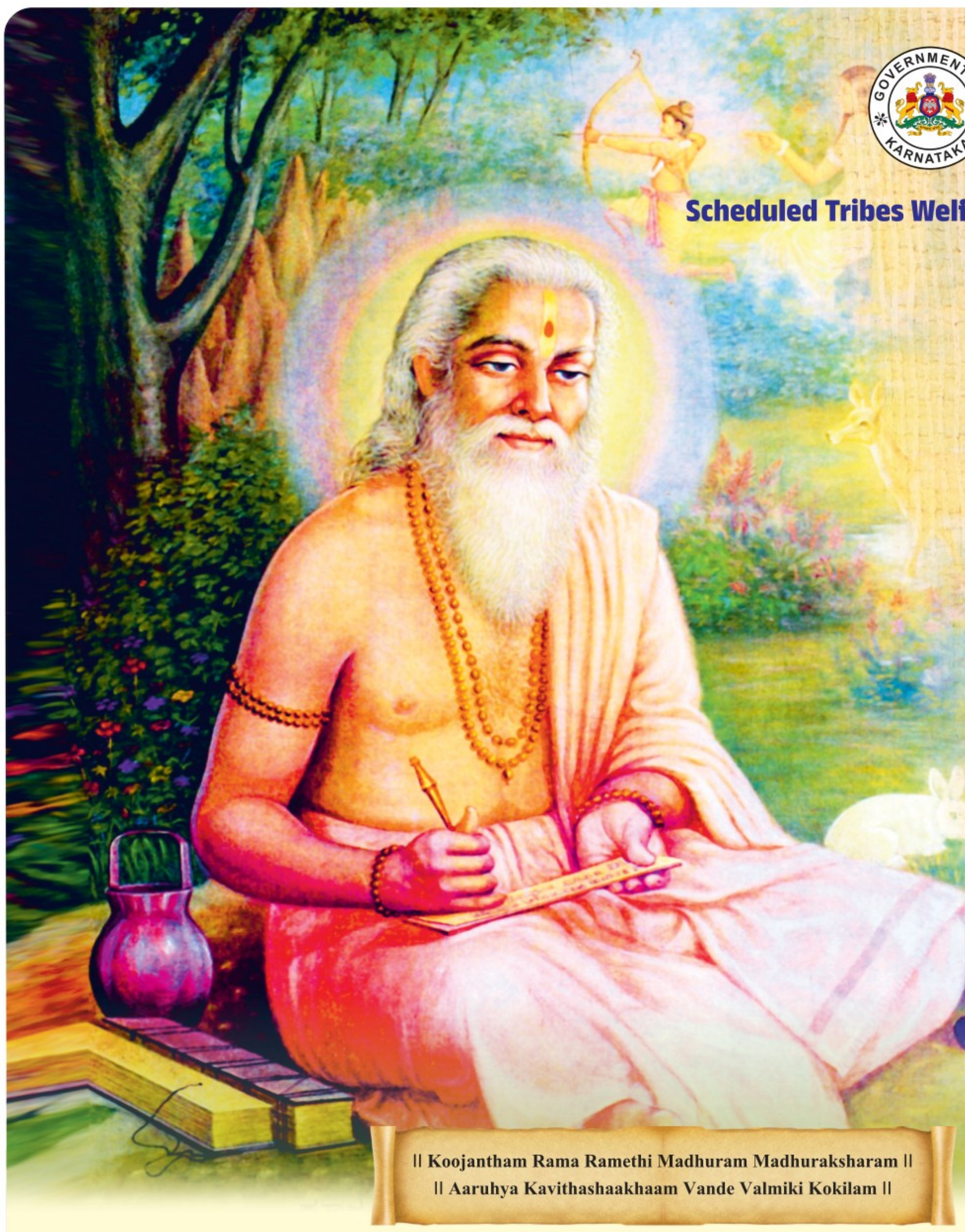
GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA

Scheduled Tribes Welfare Department



Shri Maharshi Valmiki Jayanthi
&
Shri Maharshi Valmiki Awards Presentation Ceremony

Date: 07.10.2025, Tuesday

GARLANDING THE STATUE OF
SHRI MAHARSHI VALMIKI

Time: 10.00 am
Venue: Shri Maharshi Valmiki Tapovana,
Opposite to Legislatures House

STAGE PROGRAMME

Time: 10.30 AM
Venue: Banquet Hall, Vidhana Soudha, Bengaluru

Government Committed for the Development of TRIBAL COMMUNITY

Sri Siddaramaiah
Hon'ble Chief Minister

Sri D.K. Shivakumar
Hon'ble Deputy Chief Minister

28 months

Towards welfare of Scheduled Tribes
Rs. 33,372.33 crore allocated
under TSP Scheme

Educational Development Programmes

- Scholarship of total Rs. 410 crore to 8.66 lakh students
- Prize Money of total Rs. 161.99 crore to 99,123 meritorious students
- Quality education to 45,360 students through 403 Institutions
- Prabuddha Scheme (Study at Foreign Universities) – Financial Assistance of Rs. 39.00 crore to 109 students
- Establishment of 34 new hostels for students
- Upgradation of 5 Ashrama Schools up to 12th Standard
- Reimbursement of tuition fees for students studying in private educational institutions under management / NRI quota

Other prominent department programmes

- Establishment of separate Scheduled Tribes Welfare Secretariat
- Nutritious food to 47,981 families belonging to 12 tribal communities: Rs. 261 crore utilized
- Houses sanctioned for 12,286 tribal community families
- To provide infrastructure facilities in Colony / Haadis Rs. 231 crore allocated
- For construction of Valmiki Bhavan / Community Centers Rs. 95 crore allocated
- Implementing Tribal Navigator Programme in 5 districts
- Interest subsidy of Rs. 34.50 crore to 350 entrepreneurs of Scheduled Tribes
- Section 7 (D) of SCSP / TSP Act 2013 omitted
- Bore Well facility to 5,699 beneficiaries under Ganga Kalyana Scheme
- Financial Assistance of Rs. 169.30 crore for Self Employment
- Micro loan facility to 4,620 members of Women Self Help Groups

As enshrined in our Constitution - to safeguard public property and to abjure violence is the fundamental duty of every citizen of India.

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Lawyer throws papers at CJI-led Bench

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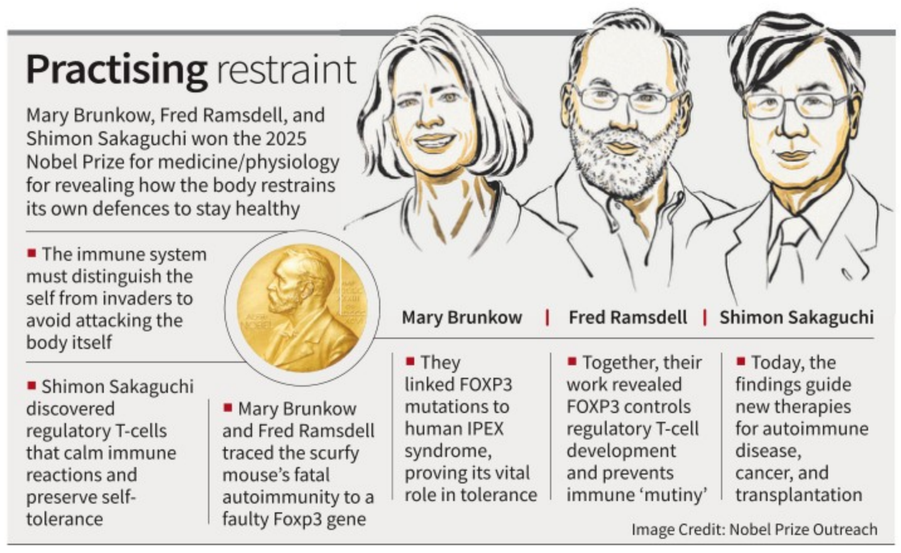

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Stage set for two-phase electoral battle in Bihar

Polling on November 6, 11; CEC says final rolls shared with all parties, adds that eligible persons can add their names until 10 days before the last dates for filing nominations on October 17, 20

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The Bihar Assembly election will be conducted in two phases, covering all 243 constituencies.

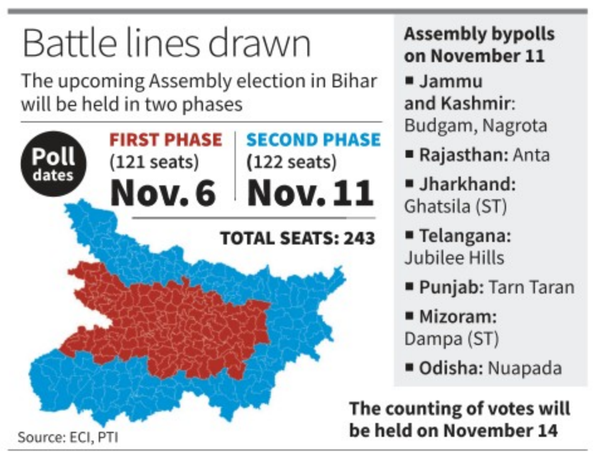
The first phase of polling will be on November 6 for 121 constituencies, while the second phase on November 11 will cover the remaining 122. Counting of votes will be taken up on November 14, Chief Election Commissioner Gyanesh Kumar said on Monday.

Byelection in the Budgam and Nagrota constituencies in Jammu and Kashmir; Anta in Rajasthan; Ghatsila (reserved for Scheduled Tribes) in Jharkhand; Jubilee Hills in Telangana; Tarn Taran in Punjab; Dampa (Scheduled Tribe) in Mizoram; and Nuapada in Odisha will be held on November 11. The votes will be counted on November 14.

There are 203 general constituencies, two reserved for Scheduled Tribes, and 38 for Scheduled Castes in Bihar. The State has 7.43 crore eligible voters, including close to 3.92 crore men, 3.5 crore women, and 1,725 transgender persons. About 14.01 lakh are first-time voters (18-19 age group); 1.63 crore are in the 20-29 age group; 4.04 lakh are very senior citizens (aged above 85); and about 14,000 are centenarians, besides 1.63 lakh service electors and 7.2 lakh voters with disabilities.

The Gazette notification for the first phase of polling will be issued on October 10, and the last date to file nominations is October 17. For the second phase, the Gazette notification will be issued on October 13, and the last date to file nominations is October 20.

Mr. Kumar said the final electoral roll has been shared with all the parties. In case voters notice errors in the list, they can file an appeal with the District Magistrate. If any eligible person has been left out, they can have their names added until 10 days before the last date for filing nominations.



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3 killed, 24 injured in accident

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BENGALURU

Three persons were killed and 24 others injured when a speeding construction vehicle crashed into a mini-truck on the Bengaluru-Chennai Expressway, near Kalkere village in Bangarpet on Monday.

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Six patients killed in fire in Jaipur hospital

The Hindu Bureau
JAIPUR

Six patients were killed in a massive fire in an intensive care unit at the trauma centre of Sawai Man Singh Government Hospital here late on Sunday night.

Two women and four men in the neurosurgery ICU died of burns and suffocation.

The fire erupted in the ICU's storage section from a suspected short circuit.

The hospital is the biggest government-run health facility in Rajasthan. The State government has set up a high-level committee to investigate the cause of the fire.

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NEARBY

'Veerashaivas and Lingayats can't be separated'

BENGALURU
Minister for Forest, Ecology and Environment Eshwar Khandre countered the demand for a separate religious status for Lingayats and said that "no force can separate Veerashaivas and Lingayats" in the State. » PAGE 4

Govt. orders testing of cough syrup brands

BENGALURU
In the wake of reports of child deaths linked to adulterated cough syrups in Madhya Pradesh and Rajasthan, the Health Department has ordered collection and testing of all cough syrup brands sold in the State. » PAGE 3

Maritime drills

Dramatic display: The Indian Coast Guard and Navy conducting the exercise NATPOLREX-X off the Chennai coast on Monday to tackle marine oil spill emergencies and strengthen India's preparedness. B. JOTHI RAMALINGAM

Social and Educational Survey extended till Oct. 24 in GBA area

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Govt. and aided schools to function from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. to facilitate teachers to take up enumeration

With about 20% of the estimated households still to be covered across the State, the Social and Educational Survey of the State's population being conducted by the Karnataka State Commission for Backward Classes, has been extended till October 24 in the Greater Bengaluru Authority (GBA) region and till October 12 in rest of the State.

To accommodate the teachers to complete the survey, school timings have been revised. as the schools are set to reopen on Wednesday (October 8) after Dasara holidays.

While the survey commenced in rest of the State on September 22, it started in the GBA region from October 4. The commission is conducting a survey on the social and educational conditions of citizens of the State through digital mode. The survey was scheduled to end on Tuesday.

An order issued here on Monday by Suralkar Vikas Kishor, Commissioner of Public Instruction, asked government and aided schools in the GBA region to conduct classes from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. between October 8 and 24.

In other parts of the State (except GBA), government and aided schools have been instructed to conduct classes from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. from October 8 to 12. The teachers assigned for the survey in the subsequent period have been instructed to conduct the survey.

The survey has been instructed to be conducted even during holidays and completed by the end of October 24 in the GBA region and by October 12 in other parts of the State.

The government has appointed around 1.8 lakh teachers as enumerators for the survey and each teacher has been assigned about 90 to 150 houses.

Earlier, Primary and Secondary Education Minister Madhu Bangarappa had told reporters in Mangaluru that a decision would be made that would not affect teaching.

Challenges

Meanwhile, on Monday, enumerators struggled to complete the survey since the commission made available Unique Household ID (UHID) numbers of all houses in each ward, causing confusion and struggle to find the houses.

"The UHID numbers of the houses in our ward have been made available to all enumerators, resulting in houses allotted to us being surveyed by others. I was allotted a total of 100 houses. Out of them, 60 houses have been completed and 40 houses were pending. But since the UHID numbers have been made available to everyone, the 30 houses allotted to me have been surveyed by others. However, my login shows that 40 houses are pending for the survey. So it is a challenge to find the pending houses," said an enumerator from Ramanagara in Bengaluru South District.

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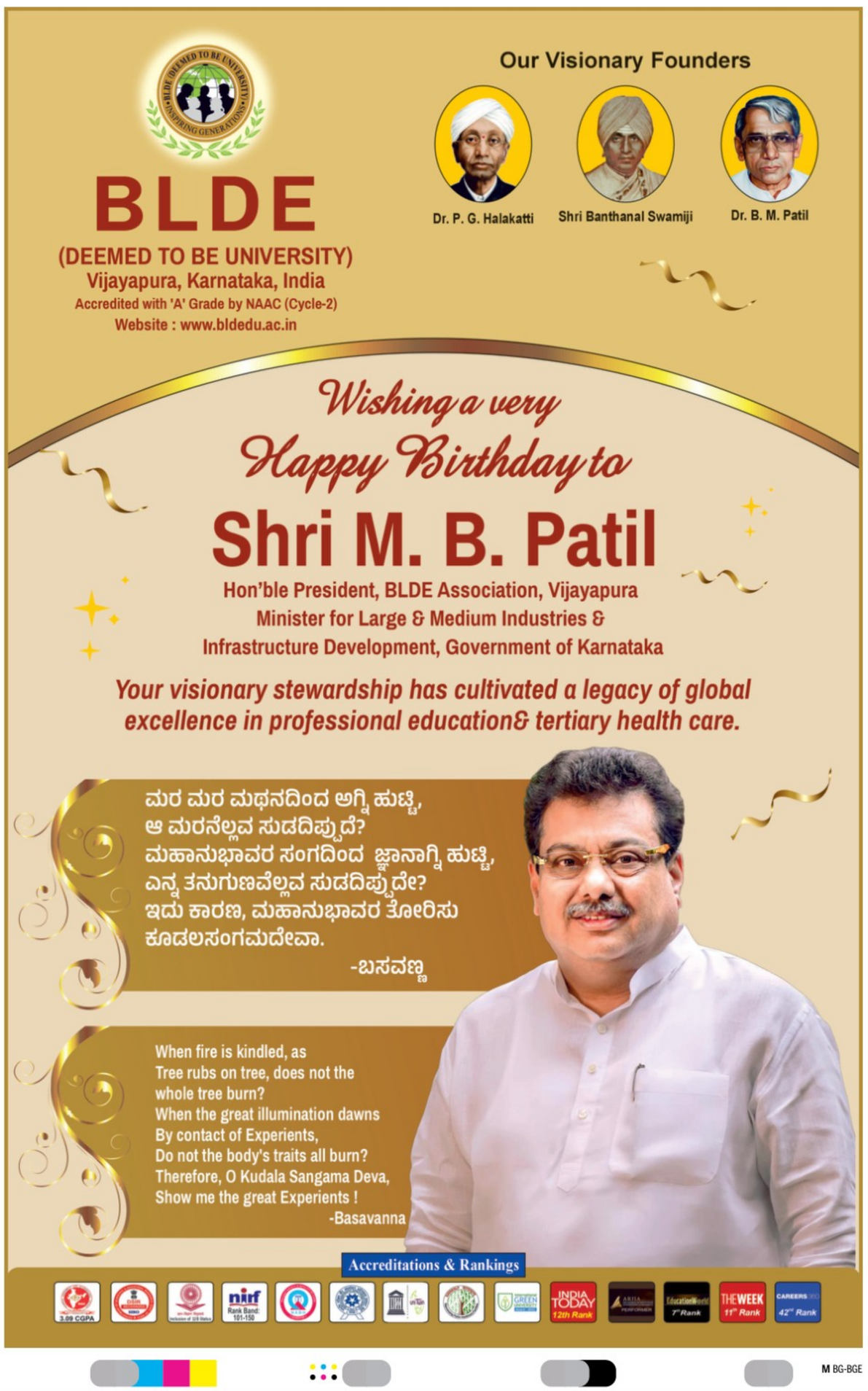

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When the going gets tough, Satwik-Chirag get going

The journey hasn't been smooth for SatChi as they have had to deal with personal issues and injuries this season; the return of Tan Kim has given them renewed hope

K. Keerthivasan

Looking forward to its second World badminton championships medal at the Adidas Arena in Paris this August, the crack Indian men's doubles pair of Satwiksairaj Rankireddy and Chirag Shetty was up against a formidable opponent in Aaron Chia and Soh Wooi Yik of Malaysia in the quarterfinals.

The Malaysians who had won gold in the 2021 edition of the Worlds, had a 11-3 H2H record going into the last eight clash against the Indians. Moreover, SatChi, as the Indian pair is referred to, had lost to Aaron-Soh in the semifinals of two earlier tournaments – Singapore Open (May-June 2025) and China Open (July).

The odds were heavily stacked against SatChi.

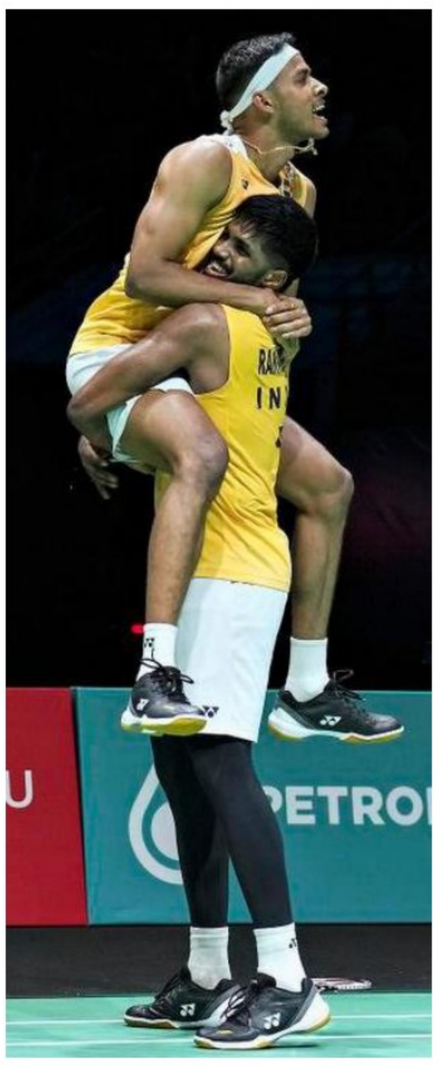
The Indians proved equal to the task, pulling off a victory in straight games. A huge victory it indeed was. As the saying goes, 'when the going gets tough, the tough get going.'

"Yeah. I think it was quite an important victory. I think beating the Malaysians at the same arena where we lost to them a year back at the [2024 Paris] Olympics was special. To come out there and beat them when they were the higher-ranked pair (third seed) felt great. And, they have been playing some really good badminton," said Chirag, to *The Hindu* in a virtual interview.

Though SatChi lost in the semifinals of the Paris Worlds to Kim Won Ho and Seo Seung Jae of Korea, who went on to win the championships, the bronze medal provided the much-needed boost as they later reached two back-to-back finals of the Hong Kong Open and China Masters and reach the BWF World ranking of six.

However, the journey this season hasn't been smooth for the Indians for they had to deal with personal issues and injuries. While Satwik lost his father early this year while dealing with back issues, Chirag, too, had a few niggles.

Satwik said: "After the 2024 Paris Olympics defeat (the pair lost in the quarterfinals to Aaron Chia and Soh Wooi Yik), yeah, it was tough for us to digest. To come out of that, it took us a little time. I was having a back issue back then. I couldn't figure out what went wrong and what was happening really because I was doing everything perfectly. After two days



of practice, again, I was having back issues. So, I couldn't figure it out at that time. But I figured it out later. In January, Chirag had a few niggles. I thought we had sorted out things, my father passed away in February 2025. It was tough times. And in the All England Open in March, we had injuries. From then on, it was like always we were getting better, but something or the other happened that stopped us. As we have said many times, injuries and setbacks are part and parcel of the game. We have to handle them."

Mental reserve

To come out with all guns blazing with so much on their mind and win a second World championship bronze and enter two back-to- back BWF World Tour finals requires strong mental strength and fortitude, and SatChi showed that they have them in plenty.

At the same time, they knew what they have achieved this season so far – the pair is yet to win a World Tour title-is way below their potential but given the circumstances a great result.

Chirag put it best when he said: "I think it's not been the most ideal year, but I think whatever we've been through, both personally and professionally, I think with all the injuries and stuff, I think we've been able to play much better than our expectations. I think a lot of people will say that 'you have to keep playing finals' because we've done that in the past, won titles. It's very easy to make a judgment, but I think what we've gone through and to come out the way we have, I think in that aspect, it's been a really good year, but still a title needs to be won. And as always, we are always hungry to go out there and win a title. I think it will eventually come."

All said and done, the semifinals of the Paris World championships against the Chinese pair of Chen Bo Yang and Liu Yi showed the Indians need to address a few things moving forward.

In the third and final game, after Chirag's serve was broken for the first point of the game, Liu took charge with his flick serves. The 22-year-old won eight straight points with his flick serve, making it difficult for the Indians to return them. From there on, SatChi couldn't make a comeback.

Full credit

Chirag gave full credit for the Chinese for the way used the flick serves. "I think in the third game especially, they started flicking us quite a bit. We didn't expect them to do that because in the first two games, they didn't really do that as often. And we were trying to be on the shuttle as possible to take it high because they were serving quite well in the front court as well. I think we could have taken a different approach where we were not dwelling so much on receiving it well. I think credit to them that they could mix it up that way."

The re-entry of Korean's Tan Kim Her as coach has made SatChi feel secure. Tan's first stint with the Indian doubles team was from 2015 to 2019 and his second stint began in December 2024. SatChi have adjusted to his style after being with Danish Mathias Boe for nearly two years till the 2024 Paris Olympics.

"We were playing in European style with Mathias. It was a little different from Tan. Mathias wanted us to play longer sessions. Tan wanted us to have less training time on court but more intense. We three are on the right page. Tan was the one who made Chirag and I play together. When he came back, we felt very comfortable," said Satwik.

SatChi have won matches against all the top world ranked players, but against the reigning World champion Korean pair of Kim Won Ho and Seo Seung Jae, they are yet to script a win.

Satwik said right now the Koreans are the ones to beat.

"Obviously, right now, I think Kim Won and Seo are playing more consistently and a lot more confidently. They are very steady on the court and they don't panic so easily. They have that confidence and their body language seems like they have all the control over the court. That comes with over the confidence like how we had when we were world number one," said Satwik. "I still think anyone can beat anyone on any given day."

SatChi have a lot of goals left. First, they want to do well in the BWF World Tour finals, a tournament they have played only once (in 2021, Tokyo) in the last eight editions and, of course, retain the No.1 crown.

Chirag said: "Although we've been in the World's top eight for almost 7-8 years now, we have managed to play World Tour Finals once. This year, we really wanted to qualify. We are in a good place right now to qualify. We want to do as deep as possible into the tournament."

Satwik said having tasted World No.1, they are eager to retain the tag. "That is there. We want to taste it again," he said.

The 2025 season has taught SatChi how to manage their mind and play with injuries and get optimum results. There are a quite few BWF Tournaments left like the Denmark Open (Oct. 14 to 19) and French Open (Oct. 21 to 26) and World Tour finals (December 17 to 21 in Hangzhou).

The way the Indians have performed against numerous odds this season, a positive end to a tough, difficult and tiring season will, definitely, be an icing on the cake.

THE GIST

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No.EIC/ACIWRM/AE-3/Vehicle Tender//2025-26/253 Date: 04.10.2025

TENDER NOTIFICATION (Through KPP portal only)

On behalf of Government of Karnataka, Advanced Centre for Integrated Water Resources Management (ACIWRM) under Water Resources Department, invites Tender for **"Supply of Vehicles on hire basis to ACIWRM, Bengaluru for 12 months"** in Two cover system from eligible Tenderer/Agency/Firm. The amount put to tender is **Rs.29,29,500/- (incl GST),** Tender invited through KPP portal available from **06.10.2025 (5:00 PM) till 21.10.2025 (5:00 PM).** For more details, visit e-procurement portal **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in.** Any clarification can be sought by contacting this office.

Sd/- Registrar / Engineer-In-Chief
ACIWRM, Bengaluru.

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Syndicate

INFANTRY ROAD II BRANCH : #91, I Floor, Infantry Road, Bengaluru.
Email: cb1927@canarabank.com

DEMAND NOTICE TO BORROWER / GUARANTOR / MORTGAGOR

Notice issued under Section 13(2) of the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002.

To,

Borrower : 1) M/S. SREESHA EDUCATIONAL SERVICES LLP
2) MR. MAHESH REDDY M S/O H MUNIYAPPA
No 1 & 2 Are : #53 5TH A Cross 21ST Main, Mchs Layout BTM 2ND Stage ,Bengaluru - 560078
3) MRS. USHA MAHESH REDDY
#53 5TH A Cross 21ST Main, Mchs Colony BTM Layout II Stage ,Bannergatta Road
Bengaluru – 560078

The undersigned being the Authorized Officer of Canara Bank, **INFANTRY ROAD -II Branch** (hereinafter referred to as "the secured creditor"), appointed under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002, (hereinafter referred as the "Act") dohereby issue this notice to you as under:

That **M/S. Sreesha Educational Services LLP** Represented by its Director **Mr. Mahesh Reddy M** and **Mrs. Usha Mahesh Reddy** (hereinafter referred to as "the Borrower") has availed credit facility / facilities stated in the Schedule A hereunder and has entered into the security agreement/s in favour of the secured creditor. While availing the said financial assistance, you have expressly undertaken to repay the loan amount/s in accordance with the terms and conditions of the above mentioned agreements.

That **Mr. Mahesh Reddy M** and **Mrs. Usha Mahesh Reddy** (hereinafter referred to as "the Guarantor") has guaranteed for the payment on demand of all moneys and discharge all obligations and liabilities owing or incurred to the secured creditor by the Borrower for credit facilities up to the limit of **Rs.13,89,48,000 (Rupees Thirteen Crore Eighty Nine Lakh Forty Eight Thousand only)** with interest thereon.

You (The person mentioned in schedule B) are also entered in to agreements against the secured assets which are detailed in Schedule B hereunder.

However, from **27-06-2025**, the operation and conduct of the said financial assistance / credit facilities have become irregular. The books of account maintained by the secured creditor shows that the liability of the Borrower towards the secured creditor as on **25-09-2025** amounts to **Rs. 10,23,67,328.06 (Rupees Ten Crore Twenty Three Lakh Sixty Seven Thousand Three Hundred Twenty Eight and Paisa Six Only)** the details of which together with future interest rate are stated in Schedule C hereunder. It is further stated that the Borrower/Co Borrower having failed to keep up with the terms of the above said agreement in clearing the dues of the secured creditor within the time given, and have been evasive in settling the dues. The operation and conduct of the above said financial assistance / credit facility/ies having come to a standstill and as a consequence of the default committed in repayment of principal debt/ instalment and interest thereon, the secured creditor was constrained to classify the debt as **Non Performing Asset (NPA) as on 24-09-2025** in accordance with the directives/guidelines relating to asset classification issued by the Reserve Bank of India.

The secured creditor through this notice brings to your attention that the Borrower has failed and neglected to repay the said dues/ outstanding liabilities and hence hereby demand you under Section 13(2) of the Act, by issuing this notice to discharge in full the liabilities of the Borrower as stated in Schedule C hereunder to the secured creditor within 60 days from the date of receipt of this notice. Further, it is brought to your notice that you are also liable to pay future interest at the rates mentioned in "Schedule-C"together with all costs, charges, expenses and incidental expenses with respect to the proceedings undertaken by the secured creditor in recovering its dues.

Please take note of the fact that if you fail to repay to the secured creditor the aforesaid sum of **10,23,67,328.06 (Rupees Ten Crore Twenty Three Lakh Sixty Seven Thousand Three Hundred Twenty Eight and Paisa Six Only)** together with further interest and incidental expenses and costs as stated above in terms of this notice under Section 13(2) of the Act, the secured creditor will exercise all or any of the rights detailed under sub-section (4)(a) and (b) of Section 13, the extract of which is given here below to convey the seriousness of this issue:

13(4)- In case the Borrower/Co-Borrower fails to discharge liability in full within the period specified in sub-section (2), the secured creditor may take recourse to one or more of the following measures to recover his secured debt, namely;

(a) Take possession of the secured assets of the Borrower/Co-Borrower including the right to transfer by way of lease, assignment or sale for realizing the secured asset;

(b) Take over the management of the business of the Borrower including the right to transfer by way of lease, assignment or sale for realizing the secured asset:

Provided that the right to transfer by way of lease, assignment or sale shall be exercised only where the substantial part of the business of the Borrower is held as security for the debt;

Provided further that where the management of whole of the business or part of the business is severable, the secured creditor shall take over the management of such business of the borrower which is relatable to the security for the debt; and under other applicable provisions of the said Act.

You are also put on notice that in terms of section 13(13) the Borrower/Guarantor shall not transfer by way of sale, lease or otherwise the said secured assets detailed in Schedule B hereunder without obtaining written consent of the secured creditor. It is further brought to your notice that any contravention of this statutory injunction/ restraint, as provided under the said Act, is an offence and if for any reason, the secured assets are sold or leased out in the ordinary course of business, the sale proceeds or income realized shall be deposited with the secured creditor. In this regard you shall have to render proper accounts of such realization / income.

This notice of Demand is without prejudice to and shall not be construed as waiver of any other rights or remedies which the secured creditor may have including further demands for the sums found due and payable by you.

This is without prejudice to any other rights available to the secured creditor under the Act and/or any other law in force.

Please comply with the demand under this notice and avoid all unpleasantness. In case of Non- compliance, further needful action will be resorted to, holding you liable for all costs and consequence.

Your attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of Section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

schedule - A

SL NO	Loan No	Nature of Loan/ Limit	Date of Sanction	Amount
1.	1927773000135	TERM LOAN	**27.03.2019**	Rs.12,39,48,000.00
2.	170001748301	GECL 1.0 EXTENSION	**06/11/2021**	Rs. 1,50,00,000.00

schedule - B
[Details of secured assets]

1.All that piece and parcel of Land and building situated at property Bearing Sy. No.143/2 measuring 89298 Sq. Ft. (in an area of 02 Acres 2 Guntas) bearing Khata No.4894, situated at Sy No. 143/2,Assesment #4894/143/2 at Kammasandra Road, RK City, Kammasandra, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore 560100. Property bounded by: **East** : Kammasandra Lake , **West** :Road , **South** :Government Land and Sy No. 143/3 And **North** :Land bearing Sy No. 143/1.
Name of Title holder : Mr. Mahesh M Reddy.

2.All that piece and parcel of property with commercial land and building bearing Khaneshumari No. 61 and 62 situated at Veerasandra Village Attibele Hobli Anekal Taluk, Bengaluru District measuring 44200 Sq Ft. situated at Veerasandra Village, Attibelle Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore District. And the property bounded by: **East :** Property bearing Kaneshumari No 65/A ,**West :** Hosur Road, **South :** S M Sathyanarayana Property And **North :** Konnappanna Agrahara Gadi.
Name of Title holder :Mr. Mahesh M Reddy

3.All that piece and parcel of property bearing Khaneshumari No 65/A, situated at Veersandra Village, Attibelle Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore District measuring 20,000 Sq Ft and bounded on : **East** : Venkataswamy Reddys Land **West** : Property bearing Khaneshumari No 61 and 62 , **South** : Property of S M Sathyanarayana And **North :** Konnappanna Agrahara Gadi.
Name of Title holder :Mr. Mahesh M Reddy

4.All that piece and parcel of property bearing No.53, having Municipal No.53, Ward No.65, PID No.65-53-53 situated in MCHS Colony, BTM Layout 2nd Stage, Bangalore, Bangalore presently comes under Bruhath Bangalore Mahanagara Palike Limits, measuring East to West 50 Feet and North to South 80 feet in Total 4000 Square Feet, along with a residential house measuring 2468 Sq Ft, consisting of ground and first floor and bounded on: **East By** : Site No 52 , **West By** : Site No 54 **North By :** Road And **South By :** Park.
Name of Title holder :Mrs. Usha Mahesh Reddy and Mr. Mahesh M Reddy

schedule - C

SL NO	Loan No	Nature of Loan/ Limit	LIABILITY WITH INTEREST AS ON DATE	RATE OF INTEREST
1.	1927773000135	TERM LOAN	**Rs. 9,51,10,234.00**	15.55%
2.	170001748301	GECL 1.0 EXTENSION	**Rs. 72,57,094.06**	10.85%

Place : Bangalore
Date : 06.10.2025

Authorised Officer
Canara Bank

KARNATAKA POWER TRANSMISSION CORPORATION LIMITED
(CIN : U40109KA1999SGC025521)

TENDER NOTIFICATION
(Through Karnataka Public Procurement Portal Mode Only)

No. CEE/OPRZ/KLB/SEE (O)/AEE-3/2025-26/8093&8109 Date: 04-10-2025.

KPTCL invites bids for the following works:

I. Enquiry No: KPTCL/2025-26/SS/Navali Replacement Call-3, for "Replacement of 2x10MVA 110/11kV Power Transformers by 2x20MVA, 110/11kV Power Transformers and providing additional switchgear at **110/11kV Navali** Sub Station in Kanakagiri Taluk, Koppal District on Partial Turnkey Basis, including Supply of all Materials/Equipments(Excluding supply 20 MVA power transformers and 11kV Switchgear) and Erection (including dismantling & Civil Works) of all Materials/Equipments, Testing and Commissioning."

II. Enquiry No: KPTCL/SS/2025-26/Hanumasagar replacement Dtd: 12-08-2025 (Call-2). for Replacement of 2x10MVA, 110/11kV Power Transformers by 2x20MVA, 110/11kV transformer & providing additional switchgear at 110kV Hanumasagar S/s in Kushtagi Taluk, Koppal District.

For more information log on to KPTCL website **https://kptcl.karnataka.gov.in** on hyperlink **"E Procurement KPTCL"** or directly logging on to website **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in** on or after **08.10.2025.** Any other details can be had from the office of the undersigned during office hours.

Sd/- Chief Engineer (Elec), Transmission (Operations) Zone, "PRASARANA BHAVAN", KPTCL, Sedam Road, Kalaburagi.

केनरा बैंक Canara Bank
Syndicate

HOMBEGOWDANAGAR BRANCH:No. 211/62, 11th Cross, Wilson Garden,Hombegowdanagar, Bengaluru ,560027
E-MAIL-CB1371@Canarabank.com

POSSESSION NOTICE [SECTION 13(4)]
[Rule - 8 (1)] (For immovable Property)

Whereas The undersigned being the authorized Officer of the Canara Bank, **Hombegowdanagar Branch,** under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (Act 54 of 2002) (hereinafter referred to as "the Act") and in exercise of the powers conferred under Section 13(12) read with rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, issued a Demand Notice dated **19.07.2025 calling upon the Borrower To :1) M/s. A. C. TRADERS,Proprietor Mr. HAMEED SAIT ,**NO 700 C P Colony 29 TH MAIN , 9 TH Block Jayangara, Bengaluru- 560078.
Also at : M/s. A.C. TRADERS NO.597/626,KL Layout , CK Palya, Dinne Palya Circle, BG Road ,Bengaluru-560076.
2)Mr.HAMEED SAIT (Proprietor of M/S. A C Traders) S/O BABU SAIT ,NO 700 C P Colony, 29 TH Main 9 TH Block , Jayanagara Bengaluru- 560078.
3)Smt.TAHERA Alias Smt.THAIRA BI Alias Smt. Tahira Bi Alias Thahira Bi Alias Thahera (Guarantor and Mortgagor) D/O SYED PEER , E 8 3RD Cross, Bismilla Nagar Jayanagar , Bengaluru-560029
Also residing at: W/O BABU SAIT No.700,28th B Main Road,9th Block, Jayanagar,Corporation Colony, 1st Phase,Marenahalli Tank Bund Area, Bengaluru- 560030.
to repay the amount mentioned in the notice, being **Rs. 2,24,35,960.57 (Rupees Two Crore Twenty Four Lakhs Thirty Five Thousand Nine Hundred Sixty and Paisa Fifty Seven Only)** and interest thereon within **60** days from the date of receipt of the said notice.
The Borrowers having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the Borrowers and the public in general that the undersigned has taken symbolic possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him/her under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 & 9 of the Security Interest Enforcement) Rules 2002 on this **06th day of October 2025.**
The borrower in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of Canara Bank, Hombegowdanagar Branch for an amount of **Rs. 2,19,95,595.88 (Rupees Two Crore Nineteen Lakhs Ninety Five Thousand Five Hundred Ninety Five and Paisa Eighty Eight Only)** and interest thereon.
The borrower's attention is invited to the provisions of Sub-section (8) of Section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

Description of the Immovable Property

All that piece and parcel of property bearing Site No.700, BBMP Municipal New No.700, BBMP PID No.64-144-700. Situated at 28th B Main Road,9th Block, Jayanagar Corporation Colony, 1st Phase, Marenahalli Tank Bund Area, Bengaluru, Old corporation Division No.60, BBMP ward No.64, New ward No.170, Bengaluru, measuring East to West 40 feet, North to South 25feet with building on it and bounded on the: **East by:** Property No.677 , **West by:** Road, **North by:** Property No.701 And **South by :** Property No.699.
Name of the title holder : Smt. Tahira Bi

Date : 06.10.2025
Place :Bangalore

Authorised Officer
Canara Bank

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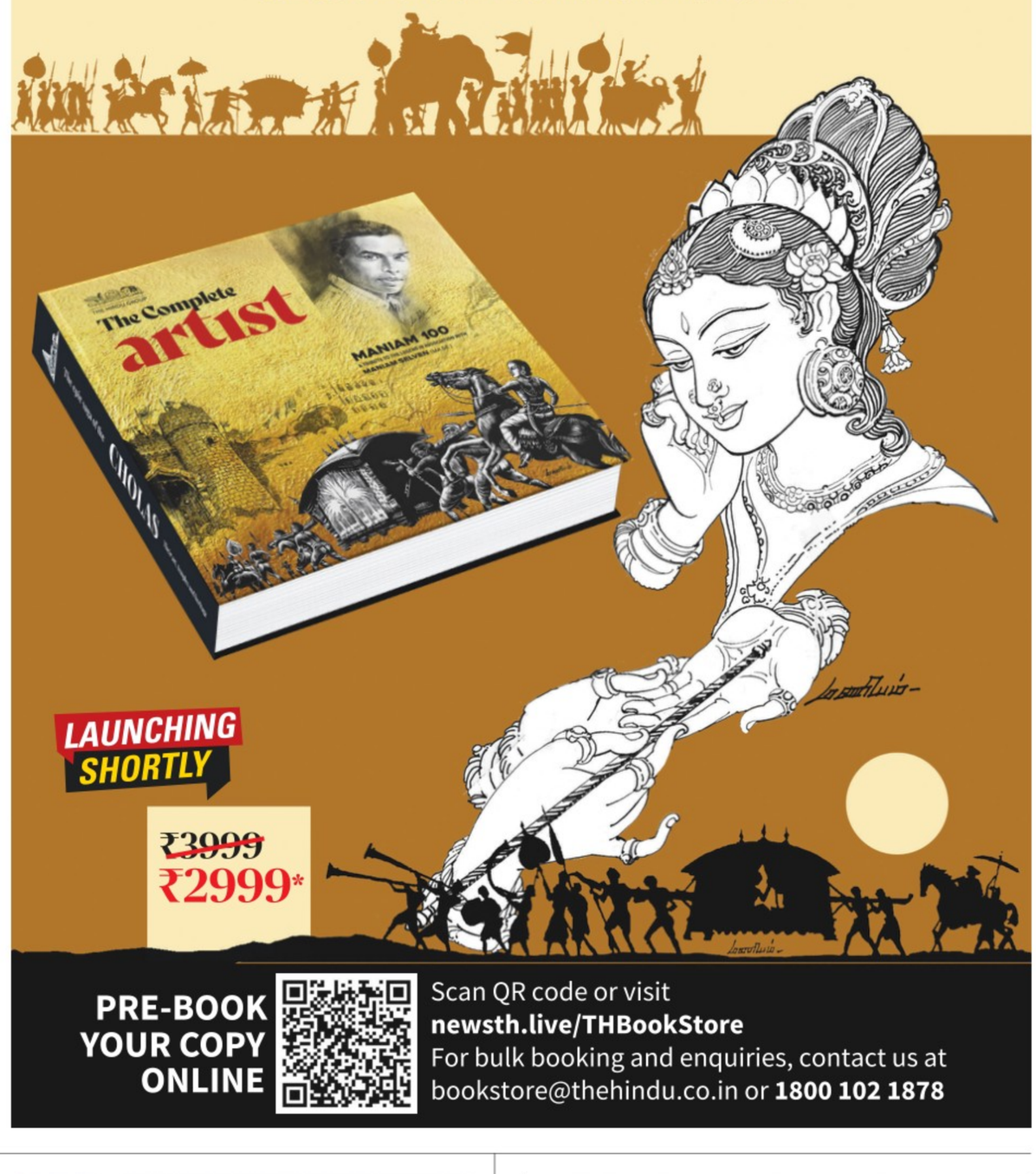

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Computer No.50924 - REV65/34/2023-C2, Dt: 06-10-2025 (3rd Call)

E-Tender / Sealed Tender / Public Auction for collection of Human Hair right for 2 years i.e for the period from 13.11.2025 to 12.11.2027. Public auction will be conducting on 17.10.2025 at Paduka Mandapam. **Required Documents: 1. Aadhar Card, 2. Pan Card, 3. Last three years IT returns (2022-23, 23-24 and 24-2025) The Tender Details as 1.** EMD Rs.1,00,00,000/- to be paid in the form of D.D in favor of Executive Officer, Sri Venkateswara Swamyvari Devastanam, Dwarakatirumala, **2.** Tender Schedule issued from Dt: 08.10.2025 to 16.10.2025 10 am to 5 pm, **3.** Sealed Tender Participation Dt: 17.10.2025 10 am to 11 pm, **4.** E-Procurement **www.apeprocurement.gov.in,** login starts from Dt: 08.10.2025, **5.** Scrapped humanhair accumulated in the godown, EMD Rs.50,000/- to be paid in the form of D.D in favor of Executive Officer Sri Venkateswara Swami Vari Devasthanam, Dwaraka Tirumala.
Note: for further information please contact leases section in office timings: Contact Numbers: 63003 88355, 84650 44484.

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Sd/- **N.V.S.N. Murthy**
Joint Commissioner & Executive Officer

Government of Odisha
Information & Public Relations Department
Lok Sampark Bhawan, Bhubaneswar

No. 15037 / IPR, Bhubaneswar, Dated 06/10/2025 /

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

01. Director, I&PR Department, Government of Odisha (The Client) invites Request For Proposal (RFP) from the eligible bidders to Conceptualize, Design and Fabricate the Odisha Pavilion at India International Trade Fair (IITF)-2025, Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi.
02. Key objectives, scope of work, eligibility requirement, layout plan, technical specifications and other details may be seen in and downloaded from **https://inpr.odisha.gov.in/ or, https://odisha.gov.in.**
03. Last date for receipt of sealed proposal is **20.10.2025 by 05:00 PM.**
04. RFP will be opened on **22.10.2025 at 11:30 AM** in the Conference Hall, Lok-Sampark Bhawan, Unit-V, Keshari Nagar, Bhubaneswar.
05. Pre-Bid consultation with intending bidders is scheduled to be held on **13.10.2025 at 11:30 AM** in the Conference Hall, Lok-Sampark Bhawan, Unit-V, Keshari Nagar, Bhubaneswar.
06. The I&PR Department have the right to accept or reject the Tender(s) without assigning any reason thereof.

DIRECTOR, I&PR

Z-12: OIPR-15001/11/1213/2526

GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA
MINOR IRRIGATION & GROUND WATER DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT
M.I & G.W.D.D. DIVISION, VIJAYAPUR

No.EE/MID/VJP/AE-1,3,4/SCP-TSP/TND/2025-26/2374 **Date: 06.10.2025**

SHORT TENDER NOTIFICATION

The Executive Engineer, Minor Irrigation and Ground Water Development Department, Division Vijaypur invites work tenders from Eligible Contractor through "E-Procurement" on item rate Tender for following works as per KTPP Act-2000 and latest amendments.
4702- SCP Works:- Total 9 Works/Package Works, Estimated Cost **Rs.100.80 Lakhs, Tender Period for the above works are Three(3) Months including monsoon.**
4702- TSP Works:- Total 6 Works/Package Works, Estimated Cost **Rs.46.80 Lakhs, Tender Period for the above works are Three(3) Months including monsoon.**
Tender documents may be downloaded from Government of Karnataka Public Procurement website https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in/#/portal/portal-home under login for Contractors from **06.10.2025.** Tenders may be submitted on electronically in KPP portal up to **17-30 hrs.** on **14.10.2025.** Interested contractors information regarding works may be obtained from this office or KPPP helpdesk (Ph.No.080-25501216 & 080-25501227) upto **17-30 hrs.** on **13.10.2025.** Tenders shall be quoted without adding GST and other details can be seen in the tender documents.

Sd/- Executive Engineer,
MI & GWDD Division,
Vijayapur

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Government of Karnataka
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER,
CHAMARAJANAGARA DIVISION, CHAMARAJANAGARA
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BRIEF TENDER NOTIFICATION
(Through Kppp.karnataka.gov.in portal only)
(Two Cover System : Section-1-Technical Bid and Section-2-Financial Bid)
Short Term Tender Notification No 15/2025-26 Dated : 03-10-2025 (Call-2)

Item rate tenders are invited through Kppp.karnataka.gov.in portal only on behalf of Governor of Karnataka from Eligible registered civil Contractor in KPWD in Standard Bid document **KW-3,** form The Total no of works is 1, **H/A : 5054-80-190-0-01-132 KRDCL (Kala Shanka) Works** maximum estimated cost is Rs. 70.00 lakh, Further changes in this Notification will be published in https://Kppp.karnataka.gov.in Only. Date of events as follows:

1	Date and Time for downloading the tender document from the Kppp.karnataka.gov.in portal	From 04-10-2025 to 17-10-2025 upto 16.00 Hrs.
2	Pre-Tender Meeting Date	06-10-2025
3	Closing of Tender	17-10-2025 upto 16.00 Hrs.
4	Date & Time of opening Technical bid	18-10-2025 after 16.30 Hrs.
5	Date & Time of opening Financial bid	21-10-2025 - 11.00 AM

More information can be had from the web site : **https ://www.kppp.karnataka.gov.in** & Any other details required can be obtained from office of the under signed during office hours.

Sd/- Executive Engineer,
PWD Division, Chamarajanagar.

No. : DIPR : CHANAGAR:387:2025-26

Government of Karnataka.
(WATER RESOURCE DEPARTMENT)
(KARNATAKA NEERAVARI NIGAM LIMITED)
Executive Engineer, KNNL KPC Division No-2, Bhalki

NO: EE/KNNL/KPCD-2/Bhalki/PB/TND/2025-26/691 Date:03-10-2025

SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION/Call-3
(Only Through e-procurement System) **In Two cover system**

Tenders in Electronic mode on "PERCENTAGE BASIS" are invited on behalf of the Managing Director, KNNL, Bangalore, by the Executive Engineer, KNNL, K P C Division No.2, Bhalki in Two cover systems, from the contractors enrolled in KPWD of Karnataka State who fulfill the qualifying conditions, for the works details mentioned below. The work Indent no'sare **KNNL/2025-26/SE0254.** The amount put tender and EMD and Class of Contractor as per E-portal
Calendar of events: a) The Contractor can have access to the e-tender document **04-10-2025,** b) The Last date of Submission of completed tender documents **21-10-2025 at 04.30 Hrsc)** Date of Opening of Technical Bid is **23-10-2025 at 05.00 Hrs** & Financial bid is **27-10-2025 at 05.00 Hrs** respectively. All details & information can be had from the office of the under signed during office hours and visit website www.kppp.karnataka.gov.in.

Sd/- Executive Engineer, KNNL
KPC, Division no -2, Bhalki

DIPR/Bidar/193/KSMC&A/2025-26

Signal synchronisation to ease city's OMR stretch

The plan involves synchronising a 2–2.5 km stretch between NGEF junction and Anjaneya junction, covering Double Road and 80 ft. Road junctions

Chetan B.C.
BENGALURU

In what regular commuters hope will bring relief to them, the Bengaluru Traffic Police (BTP) will synchronise five traffic signals along Old Madras Road (OMR) in the eastern part of the city, following a month-long pilot project in central Bengaluru that enabled seamless traffic movement during non-peak hours.

If the technical adjustments succeed, commuters could save at least five minutes of travel time on OMR, according to a police officer from the east division. The plan involves synchronising a 2-2.5 km stretch between NGEF Junction and Anjaneya Junction, covering Double Road and 80 ft. Road junctions.

In September, the west division traffic police, began synchronising two stretches after studying factors such as vehicular density, travel time, and distance. The first synchronised stretch covers four junctions, starting from Town Hall Junction for vehicles coming from J.C. Road, allowing them to move without stopping at signals up to Police Corner Junction, crossing N.R. Junction and P.S. Junction.

The first synchronised stretch covers four junctions, starting from Town Hall junction for vehicles coming from J.C. Road, allowing them to move without stopping at signals up to Police Corner junction, crossing NR junction and PS junction. FILE PHOTO

The second stretch covers five junctions, starting from Nrupathunga Junction and passing through Police Corner, Hudson Circle, and N.R. Circle, reaching Town Hall Junction and beyond without encountering a red signal.

While the first stretch is expected to save around 120-140 seconds (approximately two minutes), the second stretch could save at least three minutes, according to estimates.

Lags

The only lag observed during the month-long pilot was near Hudson Circle, where vehicles occasionally encountered a red light due to various factors such as VIP movement, changes in speed, or ambulance passage. All covered junctions are equipped with Vehicle Actuated Control (VAC) signals. If the synchronisation cycle breaks, police officers must manually manage the next three to four cycles to restore the synchronised flow.

"The technique is being implemented only during non-peak hours, between 11 a.m. and 5 p.m. It is difficult to even consider implementing synchronisation during peak hours," the officer told *The Hindu*.

The primary challenge lies in the high vehicle density on these stretches during peak hours, which could cause severe congestion at the entry points of the synchronised stretch.

Another officer explained that while the method has proven useful in saving a few critical minutes, it works best on local stretches rather than on roads with heavy vehicular movement. At junctions where three or four roads with varying traffic loads converge, synchronisation can lead to traffic build-up.

Additionally, implementation poses challenges due to the presence of different types of traffic signals across the city. Bengaluru currently uses three main systems namely Adaptive Traffic Signal, Vehicle Actuated Control (VAC), and the Management of Origin-Destination Related Adaptation for Traffic Optimisation (MODERATO), commonly known as JICA signals. For synchronisation to work effectively, all signals must be of the same type, but the city's signals are of mixed types.

According to police sources, the next experimental stretch under consideration is Mysuru Road.

ED to return seized assets of firm to victims of money laundering

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

In a significant move to restore the Proceeds of Crime (POC) to rightful claimants, the Directorate of Enforcement (ED), Bengaluru Zonal Office, is going to return properties valued at ₹20.16 crore to victims of money laundering and the rightful claimants of Injaz International.

According to a release, the ED initiated an investigation based on a complaint by the revenue inspector, Tahsildar Office, Yelahanka, Bengaluru, against Injaz International and its associated group, under various Sections of the Prize Chits & Money Circulation Schemes (Banning) Act and the Chit Funds Act, 1982.

The case is presently under investigation by the Financial Intelligence Unit, Criminal Investigation Department. The ED investigation allegedly revealed that huge amounts were received in the partnership firm of Injaz International in the name of a chit fund scheme, and the funds were diverted for the purchase of numerous immovable properties as well as for the personal expenses of the partners of the firm.

During the investigation, the ED issued a provisional attachment order and seized multiple immovable assets belonging to the accused partnership firm and subsequently filed a prosecution complaint before the special court.

No objection

Considering the intent of the Prevention of Money Laundering Act to restore the POC to the bona fide and legitimate claimants and the victims of the offence of money laundering, the ED submitted no objection before the Principal City Civil and Sessions Judge for the release of properties attached.

Based on the submission, the court passed an order to restitute the attached immovable properties.

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3 killed, 24 injured in accident

The vehicle, belonging to a catering company carrying around 22 staff, was returning from a programme. It toppled on the ambulance parked nearby, killing the driver on the spot. The vehicle driver carrying the catering staff, who was also killed, was identified as Shivaraju, while the identity of the third deceased is yet to be ascertained.

Passers-by along with the police shifted the injured to the different hospitals in Kolar, KGF and Bangarpet. The deceased ambulance driver has been identified as Vikrampal, who had parked the vehicle on routine duty.

Traffic on the busy road was disrupted for some time and the police struggled to shift the damaged vehicles to the side to ensure smooth flow of traffic.

Man killed, wife injured in road accident

The Hindu Bureau
BENGLAURU

A 45-year-old man was killed on the spot and his wife severely injured when a lorry knocked down the moped they were riding on the Tumakuru-Bengaluru National Highway (NH-48) on Monday afternoon.

The deceased has been identified as Mohan Kumar S.K. a weaver from Gowdanahalli.

He was heading towards Nelamangala with his wife, identified as Parvathamma, riding pillion.

The accident occurred around 1.45 p.m. near the Fire Station junction.

The Nelamangala traffic police have registered a case against the lorry driver, charging him with offences of death due to negligence and rash and negligent driving.

The police said that the driver was arrested and the lorry seized.

11-month-old killed after being run over by car

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

A 11-month-old boy was killed after being run over by a car in front of his house in Gollarahatti on Magadi Road-Nice road junction on Monday.

The deceased, Mohammed Umar Farooq, was playing in front of his house while his mother was busy with daily chores. The owner of the house, a cab driver identified as Swamy, was reversing the vehicle to go to work and allegedly failed to notice the boy and ran over him. The father of the boy, also a driver by profession, had gone to work at the time of the incident.

The boy sustained multiple injuries and was rushed to a nearby hospital where he was declared brought dead.

Based on the eye-witness account, the Kamakshipalya traffic police charged Swamy with death due to negligence and rash and negligent driving for further investigation.

City woman cheated of ₹2.2 crore

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

A man posing as an engineer from the U.S. lured a 57-year-old city-based schoolteacher for five years through a matrimonial app and made away with ₹2.2 crore. The East Division cybercrime police have registered a case of identity theft, cheating by impersonation under the IT Act.

It was in November last year, after five years, that the victim realised she had been cheated.

In her complaint, the victim said that she enrolled in a matrimonial app to look for a suitable partner in December 2019 following the death of her husband. She matched with Aahan Kumar A., who claimed to be a U.S. citizen. In January 2020, Aahan sought financial help for an emergency as he did not have sufficient funds for food. She sent him the money, which he assured her would be a loan to be repaid in six months. Trusting his words, the victim started supporting him financially.

MUDA case: ED attaches 34 immovable properties worth ₹40.08 crore

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Continuing investigation into the MUDA scam, the Directorate of Enforcement (ED), Bengaluru Zonal Office, on October 4 provisionally attached 34 immovable properties, including MUDA sites having a market value of ₹40.08 crore, under the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA).

According to an official release, the ED initiated the investigation on the basis of an FIR registered by the Lokayukta Police Mysuru in the case of alleged largescale scam in allotment of sites by the Mysuru Urban Development Authority (MUDA).

"Investigation revealed routing and layering of undue gratification obtained by G.T. Dinesh Kumar, former Commissioner of MUDA. Such proceeds of crime were used for purchasing immovable properties in the name of relatives and associates of Mr. Dinesh Kumar. Further investigation also revealed illegal allotment of 31 MUDA sites by Mr. Dinesh Kumar," said the release.

The ED had provisionally attached a total of 252 illegally allotted MUDA sites. FILE PHOTO

Searches in the case conducted by ED officials in October 2024 revealed that the sites were allotted in gross violation of letter dated 14.03.2023, Government Order dated 27.10.2023, Karnataka Urban Development Authorities (Allotment of Sites in lieu of compensation for the land Acquired) Rules, 2009 as amended in 2015 and Karnataka Urban Development Authority (Incentive Scheme for voluntary Surrender of Land) Rules, 1991, said the release. "Further, search action also revealed a deep nexus between MUDA officials and real estate businessmen. Evidences also revealed payment of cash for allotment of sites as compensation and approval of layouts," it added.

Earlier, the ED had provisionally attached a total of 252 illegally allotted MUDA sites. Further, Mr. Dinesh Kumar, who made largescale illegal allotment of MUDA sites, was arrested under the provisions of PMLA, 2002 on September 16.

Art exhibition

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Anek Art Collective will host a group art exhibition featuring works by eight artists, including Akhil Thampuran, Biji Nagesh.

The exhibition will run from October 8 to 12 at Karnataka Chitrakala Parishat Visitors can view the artworks daily from 10.30 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Security guard found dead with gunshot injuries

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

A security guard was found dead under mysterious circumstances with multiple gunshot injuries at the residential quarters of Dr. Ambedkar Medical College in Bengaluru on Sunday.

The deceased has been identified as Lakhan Vishwakarma, 34, a native of Bihar, who had been working at Dr. Ambedkar Medical College and Hospital for the past one-and-a-half months. He was sharing the residential quarters with his colleague and friend Ranjan. Police said the incident occurred on Sunday night, when Vishwakarma was allegedly found dead with two gunshot wounds, believed to be from a double-barrel gun, inside the quarters allotted to him.

Ranjan, who found Vishwakarma lying in a pool of blood, informed the police about the incident on Monday morning.

Case registered

The D.J. Halli police have registered a case of mysterious death and sent the body for post-mortem to ascertain the cause of death.

KARNATAKA HOUSING BOARD
3rd Floor, Cauvery Bhavan, Bengaluru.

TENDER NOTIFICATION
(Through KPP portal)

Notification No. **KHB/CE/AEF/Residential Apartment/Hubballi/KHB/2025-26/SE0297/Call-2, dated: 04.10.2025**

Karnataka Housing Board has invited tender through KPP Portal for **Appointment of Architectural Engineering Firm (AEF) for the work of Construction of Residential Apartment at MTS Layout, Aravindanagara, Hubballi, Dharwad District.**

Last date for submission of bid is on 18.10.2025 upto 4.00 PM.

For further information, contact below mentioned Office Address:
Executive Engineer, Karnataka Housing Board, Cauvery Bhavan, Bengaluru.
Telephone No.: 080-22273511
Website: https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in

DIPR/CP/YC/3116/2025-26 **Sd/- Executive Engineer, KHB**

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West by : Site bearing No. 77;
North by : Site bearing No. 65;
South by : Site bearing No. 67.
Ashvik Law Associates,
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GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT, DIVISION, CHITRADURGA
No.EE:PWD:CTA:AE-2:Tender-32:2025-26 Dated:- 06.10.2025
SHOR TERM E-TENDER NOTIFICATION
Tenders are invited from registered Contractors in KPWD for the following work through KPPP Portal as per standard tender documents rules.
Name of work:- Two cover System:- Head of Account 5054-04-337-0-01-154 MDR Improvements:- (1) Improvements to Road from Malenahalli to Hanumali Village via R Nulenuru in Holalkere Taluk (W.I. 27841) Estimate Cost Rs. in Lakhs:-300.00
Head of Account 5054-03-337-0-17-154 SH Improvements:-
(2) Improvements to Road from NH-13 Chitrahalli Circle to Kolalu in selected Reaches in Holalkere Taluk(SH243) (W.I.NO.27836) Estimate Cost Rs. in Lakhs:-200.00
Head of Account 5054-03-337-0-17-160 SH Renewals:-
(3) Improvements to Road from Ramagiri to Kanivehalli in Holalkere Taluk (SH153)(Working Chainage from Km 37.51 to 40.20) (W.I.NO.27720) Estimate Cost Rs. in Lakhs:-200.00
Sl. No. 1 Tender dates are as mentioned below: Late Date & time for Tender Queries/ Clarifications 21-10-2025 Time: 17.30
Last Date & time for receipt of tenders 23-10-2025 Time: 16.00
Date & time for opening of Technical Bid 24-10-2025 Time: 16.15
Date & time for opening of Financial Bid 27-10-2025 Time: 11.00
Sl. No. 2 & 3 Tenders dates are as mentioned below: Late Date & time for Tender Queries/ Clarifications 13-10-2025 Time: 17.30
Last Date & time for receipt of tenders 14-10-2025 Time: 16.00
Date & time for opening of Technical Bid 15-10-2025 Time: 16.15
Date & time for opening of Financial Bid 17-10-2025 Time: 11.00
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I, Saurabh Suresh Gurav S/O, Suresh Gurav R/o Flat No A3- 212, Netravati Block, Ngv, Koramangala, Bengaluru 560047 have changed my name to Saurabh Gurav for all purposes.

I, Suresh Gurav R/o Flat No A3-212, Netravati Block, Ngv, Koramangala, Bengaluru - 560047 have changed my minor daughter's name from Sayali Suresh Gurav to Sayali Gurav for all purposes.

‘Global South scientists can bypass red tape by thinking, working together’

Bureaucratic delays, outdated procurement rules, and chronic underfunding are all hallmarks of doing science in India; but according to Sammy Wambua from Pwani University in Kenya, there are reasons to be optimistic and to believe creativity and solidarity can keep research ticking

Rishika Pardikar

Bureaucratic red tape, limited funding, and expensive equipment often conspire to make scientific research in the Global South an uphill task. Yet researchers continue to find creative ways to keep going.

At a plenary lecture during the Student Conference on Conservation Science in Bengaluru in September, Sammy Wambua, a conservation genomics scientist from Pwani University in Kenya, outlined how scientists in resource-constrained settings improvise and collaborate around bureaucratic and other hurdles.

The meeting, hosted by the Indian Institute of Science, brought together early-career scientists from India and some other countries. In his talk, ‘Navigating Conservation Genomics in East Africa: A Personal Journey, Practical Lessons, and a Vision for Equitable Science,’ Dr. Wambua sketched out the obstacles that researchers in Kenya face and offered lessons that might resonate in India, where young scientists contend with comparable challenges.

A row of DNA sequencing machines. According to accounts from researchers in government-funded institutions, Indian public universities often face protracted procurement cycles, sometimes exceeding six months. STEVE JURVETSON (CC BY)

A kind of *jugaad*

Among other points, he said that the most daunting barriers aren’t scientific but bureaucratic. Multiple overlapping policies, opaque approval processes, and inhibitory oral directives often leave researchers stranded, and their experiments often at dead ends.

“When you run into hindrances with anything bureaucratic and try to get an explanation, you don’t get a satisfactory one,” he said. “It tells you immediately that the bureaucrats are not guided by anything that is written.”

The Indian experience echoes this. Wildlife biologists often wait months for permits to enter protected areas, with no updates from the forest department. Conservationist Tarsh Thekaekara, who attended Dr. Wambua’s lecture, recalled how one of his permits to work with elephants was delayed for eight months until he sat in the forest department office for four days. Such experiences are part of what he called *jugaad* – the quintessentially Indian habit of developing quick fixes to navigate inefficiencies.

Even when laws formally allow exceptions, such as buying certain enzymes from a single source because only one supplier exists, oral directives can override them. In India, procurement rules often impose rigid “lowest price” norms even for highly specific reagents, rendering it difficult for labs to procure niche materials. Earlier this year, in fact, the Union Ministry of Finance eased some of these constraints by raising the direct purchase limit from ₹1 lakh to ₹2 lakh and allowing vice-chancellors to approve tenders of up to ₹200 crore.Ideally, Dr. Wambua said, government offices should function like service counters that communicate application status clearly and proactively. Researchers in both Kenya and India instead face long silences until they make time and follow up.

Collaborations as bridges

He also argued that collaboration could provide another way around such hurdles. For example, international projects typically require memoranda of understanding (MoUs) that are approved by the respective governments – but which often languish in ministries for years. Instead, he said, he and his colleagues use provisional ‘Frameworks of Collaboration’ that allow them to begin work while formal MoUs are still being processed.

“We apply for the MoUs to be approved, and in the meantime we can get started,” he said, emphasising that the approach is legal and pragmatic.

Funding shortfalls are the other major obstacle. Dr. Wambua described how his students’ applications for postgraduate scholarships were repeatedly rejected. But partnerships with conservation organisations sometimes yielded both science and support. He recalled proposing coral genotyping projects with the condition that the budget be raised to cover students’ fees and stipends, in effect linking building capacity to research outcomes.

In India as well, many funding delays have threatened the sustenance of both students and research projects. Reports from Centrally funded universities have admitted arrears in disbursing fellowships. Typically, the Ministry approves scholars’ claims but forces them to wait for months to receive their stipends, pushing them to take on teaching work and sometimes even personal loans.

Collaborative arrangements such as agreements between Indian and foreign labs (e.g., to split research work) are often the only way to bridge the gap in the end.

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>
> **SAMMY WAMBUA**
> Pwani University Kenya

Dr. Wambua also highlighted how rapidly evolving technology makes expensive investments more risky. For instance, buying a DNA sequencing machine might cost tens of lakhs of rupees – only for the model to become obsolete within months. Instead, he said, scientists can ship samples abroad at minimal cost to be processed using state-of-the-art facilities.

“It helps to have friends in labs in different countries,” he said.

“We cannot stop working because there is no money. If you have a PhD, the least you can do is think.”

‘Find ways to work together’

According to accounts from researchers in government-funded institutions, Indian public universities often face protracted procurement cycles, sometimes exceeding six months. Delayed delivery or non-compatibility issues further erode value and within that timeframe, the DNA sequencer may have been rendered unnecessary or irrelevant.

Underlying Dr. Wambua’s overarching message was a call for more South-South collaborations. Countries in Africa and Asia face similar constraints and stand to gain by pooling resources and aligning research priorities rather than labouring alone, often to ineffectual ends.

“We should be more intentional in seeing our strengths and finding ways to work together,” he said, urging scientists to reimagine collaboration beyond the traditional North-South model.

One particular indicator of this is India’s record of publications in the agricultural sciences. One recent analysis by Central University of Tamil Nadu and Banaras Hindu University researchers underscored how much international collaboration shapes visibility. In 2014-2023, scientists were found to have coauthored almost 2,100 papers with institutions in the US, eliciting more than 33,000 citations. Ultimately, the analysis showed collaborations with more institutions were also more impactful.

For young researchers in India listening in Bengaluru, the parallels would have been unmistakable. Bureaucratic delays, outdated procurement rules, and chronic underfunding are all hallmarks of doing science in India. However, Dr. Wambua’s account also carried a note of optimism and that creativity and solidarity can keep science alive even in the toughest environments.

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Frédérick Gosselin, Danick Lamoureux and David Mélançon with a prototype of their kirigami-patterned plastic parachute. LM2

Kirigami parachutes land on target

Vasudevan Mukunth

Parachutes safely deliver people, cargo, and humanitarian aid. Yet conventional parachutes are expensive to make and fragile. They are also complex to assemble and require skilled labour, limiting their availability for rapid or low-cost deployment. Finally, when released into the air, traditional parachutes tend to drift sideways and miss their intended targets, which can be a serious drawback in contexts such as food or medicine drops in disaster zones.

In a new study in *Nature*, researchers from Polytechnique Montreal in Canada and the Institut Polytechnique de Paris in France looked for inspiration in kirigami, the Japanese art of cutting paper to create complex forms. Engineers have recently adopted kirigami principles to design flexible materials that can stretch, twist, and morph into new shapes. The researchers asked whether kirigami cuts in thin circular sheets could similarly transform an ordinary disc into a simple, stable parachute. Because if this is possible, parachutes can be fabricated by cutting a single sheet with lasers, eliminating assembly while improving natural aerodynamic control.

By harnessing flow-induced reconfiguration – a phenomenon seen in leaves and seeds – the team aimed to design parachutes that wouldn’t only slow descent but also fall reliably near a target, independent of the initial release angle.

The researchers cut closed loop kirigami patterns into Mylar discs and tested their behaviour in freefall experiments and in wind tunnels. They also compared designs with and without cuts, tracked their deformation, drag, and stability, and validated results using a custom simulation framework called Flow-Induced Reconfiguration Model (FIRM). Finally, they built scale prototypes that they tested by dropping from drones in the real world.

The study showed that stability and control can be ‘programmed’ into thin sheets by cutting them in particular ways, without having to assemble them further

Their experiments revealed two distinct modes of deformation. Discs without cuts or with certain patterns collapsed into a cylindrical shape that tumbled unpredictably. They also found a specific closed-loop design that elongated along the fall axis, producing a stable, nearly vertical descent. Wind tunnel data showed that this geometry was also aerodynamically stable even at higher speeds.

Importantly, these kirigami parachutes fell close to their targets, unlike conventional parachutes prone to lateral drift. At a sufficiently low load-to-area ratio, their terminal velocities also matched conventional designs. The outdoor tests confirmed that a one-metre kirigami parachute could safely deliver a water bottle from a drone.

The study thus showed that stability and control can be ‘programmed’ into thin sheets by cutting them in particular ways, without having to assemble them further. According to the study, this is promising for humanitarian airdrops, where reliable landing near a target reduces waste and ensures aid reaches people quickly. The approach also slashes manufacturing complexity.

Beyond aid delivery, kirigami parachutes may benefit drone logistics, space payload return, and environmental sensing devices, where cost, weight, and simplicity are all crucial. The study also extends scientists’ knowledge of how flow and structure interact. The paper’s authors wrote that future work could refine the performance of these parachutes by covering the slits with stretchable membranes, reducing porosity, and exploring more unique cut patterns to ‘programme’ the entire falling path.

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THE SCIENCE QUIZ

Not exactly terra firma

Vasudevan Mukunth

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QUESTION 1

According to the Hungr-Leroueil-Picarelli classification of landslides, it’s a fall when fragmented chunks of soil move freely under the influence of gravity, a slide when they move along an inclined surface, and a _____ when the movement involves rotating away from a vertical surface. Fill in the blank.

QUESTION 2

Sometimes a mass of fine sand or silt or ground pyroclastic rocks becomes saturated with water and can start moving, rather oozing, downhill in a viscous slide, ranging in speed between a downhill creep and a mudflow. What is this phenomenon called?

QUESTION 3

When a volcano erupts explosively, the pressure can blast magma into fine particles of ash and pumice. If the eruptive column rising into the air becomes too dense or loses its upward momentum, it can collapse and send a surge of material racing downhill. This surge is made of superheated gas mixed with volcanic debris, and is called what?

QUESTION 4

At 10:15 pm on July 9, 1958, a magnitude 7.8 earthquake struck Lituya Bay off the coast of Alaska, triggering a powerful rockfall on the steep slopes of Lituya Glacier near the bay’s head. This event displaced some 30 million cubic metres of rock and ice into the water below, creating the tallest _____ _____ recorded to date. Fill in the blanks.

QUESTION 5

One way to prevent a landslide on a slope is to prevent water from accumulating there. And one way to do this in turn is to build a DASP: a strong concrete structure half-filled with permeable gravel and fit with drain pipes. What does DASP stand for?

Answers to September 25 quiz:

1. 20th century US project that left Black men untreated – **Ans: Tuskegee syphilis project**
2. Nazi doctor who experimented on twins – **Ans: Josef Mengele**
3. Double-helix discoverer who pushed scientific racism – **Ans: James D. Watson**
4. Soviet agronomist who rejected Mendelian genetics – **Ans: Trofim Lysenko**
5. Japanese unit that performed brutal experiments in Manchuria – **Ans: Unit 731**

Visual: **Luc Montagnier**

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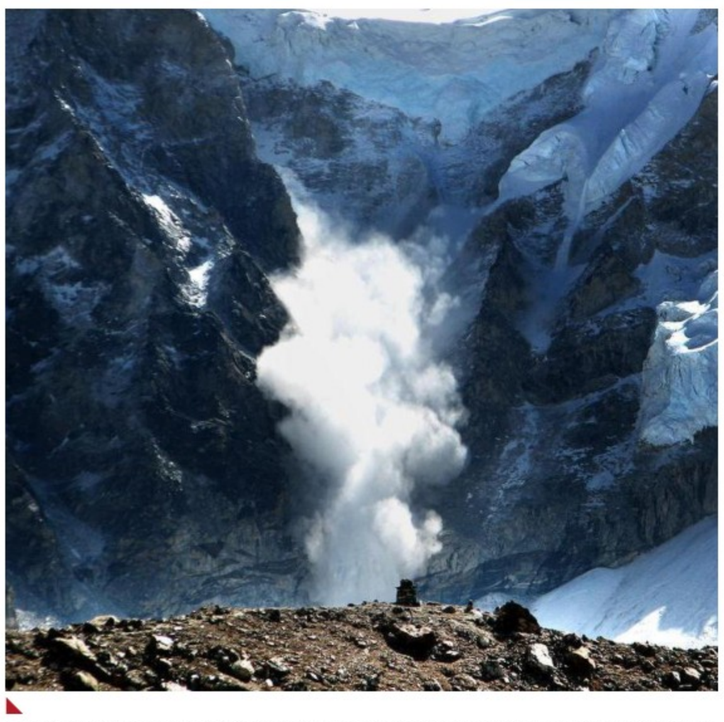

Visual: Name the landslide-like event depicted here. Its name comes from the French and Latin for “to slip downhill.” PUBLIC DOMAIN

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Govt. orders collection, testing of cough syrup brands sold in State

This comes after reports of child deaths linked to adulterated cough syrup in Madhya Pradesh and Rajasthan; Health Minister says precautionary measures have been taken

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

In the wake of reports of child deaths linked to adulterated cough syrup in Madhya Pradesh and Rajasthan, the Karnataka Health Department is on high alert, directing the collection and testing of all cough syrup brands sold in the State.

Health Minister Dinesh Gundu Rao said precautionary measures had been taken although no spurious or substandard formulations had been detected in Karnataka so far. "Drug control officers have been instructed to collect and test samples across districts. Karnataka has always maintained vigilance in drug quality testing and will continue to do so," he told reporters in Channarayapatna, Hassan district on Monday.

The State Health Department has issued an advisory cautioning against the indiscriminate use of cough syrup, especially among children below five years. "Parents must exercise utmost care and use these medicines only on medical advice. Cough syrup should be given sparingly and only when clinically indicated," Mr. Rao said.

Reiterating that Karnataka has a strong drug monitoring mechanism, the Minister said the Drug Control Department has been asked to conduct inspections at pharmacies and wholesale outlets to detect any unsafe or unapproved products.

"We are verifying that none of the affected batches reported from other States have entered Karnataka," he said.

Pointing out that the reported deaths were linked to irresponsible practices by certain pharmaceutical manufacturers in Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan, Tamil Nadu, Odisha, and Puducherry, he said, "Such lapses are unacceptable, and strict action must be taken against errant companies. Children's lives cannot be put at risk because of negligence in manufacturing or testing. The deaths highlight the urgent need for strict enforcement of quality standards across pharmaceutical units".

Following the Union Health Ministry's advisory dated October 3, which flagged irrational use of cough syrups in children, the Karnataka Health Department has issued instructions for strict compliance across all healthcare institutions.

The advisory states that cough syrup must not be prescribed to children below two, and should generally be avoided for those between two and five unless clinically justified.

For older children, cough syrup, if necessary, should be used only after proper assessment, in the lowest effective dose, and for the shortest duration.

It also warns against the use of irrational multi-drug combinations such as oral bronchodilators and cough suppressants, and reiterates that bronchodilators, if required, should only be used as inhalers.

Any adverse events or suspected cough syrup-related toxicity must be promptly reported under the Integrated Disease Surveillance Programme (IDSP).

Violations, including irrational prescriptions or over-the-counter sales, will attract action under the Karnataka Private Medical Establishments Act and the Drugs and Cosmetics Act.

Push for a centralised system

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Karnataka has been pushing for a centralised system to share information about substandard medicines across States. Health Minister Dinesh Gundu Rao had earlier written to the Union Health Ministry flagging concerns over drug adulteration and the circulation of fake formulations in the market. "I had urged the Centre to set up a dedicated national portal for real-time information exchange between States whenever adulteration or contamination is detected," he said on Monday, calling for stronger central legislation to tackle the menace of spurious drugs. However, the Centre is yet to respond.

'Tunnel road will take away six acres of Lalbagh land'

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The proposed 16.7 km Tunnel Road Project between Hebbal and Silk Board is now drawing criticism for its potential to cause irreversible damage to Bengaluru's largest lung space, Lalbagh Botanical Garden.

Apart from taking away almost six acres of Lalbagh land, the project has high potential to damage the entire ecosystem, since the likelihood of irreversible and unacceptable harm is high, activists, including Rajkumar Dugar from Citizens for Citizens (C4C) and others from Bangalore Environment Trust (BET), who made a report on Bengaluru's Tunnel Road Project and Lalbagh, said.

Pointing to the detailed project report (DPR), they said that the project will pass beneath Lalbagh for 700 m with two 50-foot-wide tunnels running 50 to 100 ft. below ground, along with two long ramps and a massive ventilation shaft. Around 23,800 sq. meters or nearly six acres of Lalbagh land along the 1.1 km Siddapura Road stretch between Ashoka Pillar and Marigowda junction will be acquired. A 1.4 km entry ramp will start about 50 m from the Ashoka Pillar, while a 1.1 km exit ramp will emerge near Marigowda junction. These will facilitate vehicle movement mainly from Shantinagar, Wilson Garden, Dairy Circle, and Jayanagar towards Hebbal, but not in the opposite direction. Activists warn the project will choke the area with gridlocks, air and noise pollution, and a host of long-term environmental hazards.

"Among the gravest concerns is the fate of the 3-billion-year-old Lalbagh Rock, one of the oldest exposed rocks on earth, declared a National Geological Monument by the Geological Survey of India (GSI) in 1975. The 16th-century Kempegowda watchtower standing atop it marks Bengaluru's early boundary," Mr. Dugar said, pointing out that the project proposes to bore two 15 m tunnels and two 10 m ramps through this ancient formation using powerful tunnel boring machines, which could fracture the rock and destabilise the terrain.

The tunnel entry ramp from Ashoka Pillar passes less than 100 ft. from its edge, Mr. Dugar mentioned, adding that tunnelling could disrupt underground water channels feeding the lake, leading to flooding, drying, or contamination, threatening its aquatic life and delicate microclimate.

"Lalbagh's estimated 3,000 plant species, including many rare and heritage trees, face equal peril. Trees within the six acres earmarked for acquisition will have to be removed, though the DPR reportedly remains silent on the number. The loss of canopy and green cover within a designated botanical garden is the worst kind of development irony," activists said.

First Cybersecurity Finishing School inaugurated

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The Centre of Excellence for Cybersecurity-Karnataka (CySecK) inaugurated the first cohort of its Cybersecurity Finishing School on Monday at the Indian Institute of Science (IISc).

The programme aims to develop a skilled cybersecurity workforce by equipping students with advanced technical expertise and industry-relevant practical skills. A total of 50 students from across Bengaluru have been selected to participate in the inaugural cohort of this intensive training initiative.

The Cybersecurity Finishing School is designed to bridge the gap between academic learning and industry needs, preparing students for cybersecurity roles through hands-on training, mentorship, and exposure to real-world use cases.

State increases SSLC exam fee by 5%

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The Karnataka School Examination and Assessment Board (KSEAB) has increased the SSLC exam fee for 2026 March/April exams by 5%.

With this hike, fresher students appearing for the SSLC exams have to pay ₹710 as fee this year. Last year, it was ₹676. The Board cited the order of 2020, which proposed to increase the SSLC exam fee every year.

The Board has also directed the schools to collect the revised fee from students registering for exams under any category. "The 5% hike is for all category students, including repeaters, freshers and private candidates," reads a circular.

Revised fee

According to the circular, the fee for private fresher has increased to ₹248 from ₹236. Fee for Repeaters Regular/Pvt candidates has increased from ₹427 (one subject) to ₹448, Repeaters Regular/Pvt candidates fee has increased from ₹532 (two subject) to ₹559 and Repeaters Regular/Pvt candidates fee increased from ₹716 (three or above subjects) to ₹752.

Welcome event at RIT

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At the welcome programme for first-year engineering students of the 2025-26 academic year, held at Ramaiah Institute of Technology (RIT), guest speakers emphasised the importance of self-awareness, and continuous learning.

Dileep Krishnaswamy, director at C-DOT, Bengaluru, encouraged students to carve their own paths to success. V. Nanda Kumar, head of Sustainable Services at DNV Business Assurance and an alumnus of RIT, highlighted the significance of a holistic college experience.

Social Welfare Dept. raids two hostels following complaints

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

A team of officials of the Social Welfare Department raided two boys' hostels in the city at 4.30 a.m. on Monday after complaints that people not enrolled in the colleges were staying there.

Two hostels, namely Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Post-Matric Boys Hostel, Srigandadakaval (370 student strength) and Dr. B.R. Ambedkar PUC Boys Hostel, Mallathalli (140 student strength) located on the same campus were raided.

According to the police, the unauthorised people were allegedly staying with the support of the warden and watchmen, and most of them were working with food delivery apps or bike services.

The issue came to light when a student complained to senior officials of the department. The issue was then reported to the Social Welfare Minister H.C. Mahadevappa, and a team was formed to carry out the inspection.

"A few students were staying because they could not get admission elsewhere, while many were not studying anywhere but staying with the support of regional political leaders and the warden," an official said, adding that about 12 people were held during the raid, but many ran away when others were being questioned. The raid found lapses in hostel management.

FIR registered

An FIR has been registered with the Kamakshipalya police against the warden and others for allowing unauthorised people to stay.

Suburban rail project: K-RIDE to invite fresh tenders for completing pending works

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The Rail Infrastructure Development Company (Karnataka) Ltd. (K-RIDE) has decided to invite fresh tenders for the balance civil works of Corridor-2, the Mallige Line between Beniganahalli and Chikkabanavara, in three separate packages.

The decision was taken at a K-RIDE Board meeting chaired by the Chief Secretary of Karnataka on Monday, who also serves as the Chairman of K-RIDE. The Board has authorised the Managing Director to initiate the tender process immediately to ensure that the project continues without further delay.

According to K-RIDE, this move follows the advice of the Advocate General of Karnataka, who recommended calling for new tenders even as arbitration proceedings are under way. The tenders for Corridor-2 will be awarded by December this year, while tenders for the balance works of Corridor-4, Heelalige-Rajanukunte, are expected to be floated in November.

The tenders for Corridor-2 will be awarded by December this year. FILE PHOTO

This step comes after the unilateral and illegal termination of contracts for both Corridor-2 and Corridor-4 by the contractor, Larsen and Toubro (L&T). L&T had earlier signed agreements with K-RIDE for the two corridors on August 26, 2022, and December 30, 2023, with extended completion deadlines till September 2026 and October 2026, respectively.

Arbitration proceedings between K-RIDE and L&T are already under way, with retired judges from the High Court and Supreme Court appointed to a three-member Board of Arbitrators. Meanwhile, K-RIDE is contesting the stay granted by a commercial court on the encashment of L&T's bank guarantee, said the release.

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NEWS IN NUMBERS

Migrants who died on the Serbia-Croatia border since 2014

413 A Chinese migrant has died and nine others have been rescued after their boat capsized crossing the Danube river on the Serbia and Croatia border. Croatia, a member of the European Union, is a major transit country for undocumented migrants trying to reach the political bloc. AFP

Jobs shed by the UNHCR this year amid a funding crisis

5,000 The United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) is facing a towering crisis: amid surging global displacement, humanitarian funding has been fast evaporating since U.S. President Trump returned to office in January. AFP

Persons killed in the landslides and floods in north Bengal

28 The toll in the devastating landslides and floods in northern West Bengal rose to 28, as disaster management personnel continued rescue operations on Monday with several people still missing and thousands of tourists stranded in cut-off hill pockets, officials said. PTI

First-time voters in the upcoming Bihar Assembly election

14 In lakh. Over 7.4 crore people are eligible to vote in the upcoming Bihar Assembly elections, Chief Election Commissioner (CEC) Gyanesh Kumar announced on Monday. The CEC asserted that the Bihar elections will be conducted in a transparent and peaceful manner. PTI

Number of Gaza flotilla activists deported by Israel

171 Israel said it deported 171 more activists who were detained while taking part in an aid flotilla bound for Gaza. It added that the deportees were citizens of several countries, including Greece, Italy, France and the U.S. AFP

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Can a third party be liable for marital disruption?

What is the alienation of affection tort? Do States in the U.S. enforce this common law? Does the Delhi High Court's move go against the Supreme Court's judgment in the Joseph Shine case? Can a family court decide damages against a third-party?

EXPLAINER

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The story so far:

Recently, the Delhi High Court (HC), in a first-of-its-kind move in *Shelly Mahajan versus MS Bhanushree Bahl & Anr,* has opened the door for spouses to seek damages, in the civil sphere, from third parties who interfered in their marriage with malafide intention, causing its breakdown. Overruling the objections to the suit's maintainability, the High Court issued summons in a wife's suit seeking damages for Alienation of Affection (AoA), against her husband's alleged affair partner. The decision revived an old Anglo-American concept, long abolished globally, putting the spotlight on a rarely tested legal idea in India. Seen as sidestepping the Supreme Court's mandate in *Joseph Shine versus Union of India*, it also raises fresh questions on whether Indian civil courts can impose liability for third-party interference in marriage.

What is alienation of affection?

AoA is a term from common law referring to a "heart-balm" tort, which allows a spouse to sue a third party, usually the lover, for wilfully interfering in the marriage and causing 'loss of affection and companionship'. The doctrine rests on the idea that marriage carries legal interests like consortium, intimacy, support and a shared life. Notably, the Indian legal framework neither codifies nor prohibits AoA, yet in *Pinakin Mahipatray Rawal versus State of Gujarat* (2013), the Supreme Court held that "alienation of affection by a stranger, if proved, is an intentional tort." In *Indra Sarma versus V.K.V. Sarma*, the top court further noted that AoA could even give children a cause of action against a third party for alienating their father. However, the doctrine has never been used to award damages in India.

How do U.S. courts view AoA?

In the U.S., AoA lawsuits remain in only a few States, like Hawaii, Mississippi, New Mexico, North Carolina, South Dakota, and Utah, while most others have abolished them over the past century as outdated or prone to abuse. In these States, for establishing a claim, the aggrieved spouse must prove three elements – (1) existence of genuine love and affection in the marriage; (2) its loss; and (3) that a third party's malicious conduct caused the loss. In contrast, States that have abolished AoA, through legislation or court rulings, consider such claims to be against public policy or incompatible with modern views of marriage. Thus, U.S. courts' stance on AoA varies, as a small number of courts still uphold the tort with strict proof requirements, while the majority reject it, treating marital breakdowns as private matters not suitable for compensation under tort.

What did Supreme Court decide in Joseph Shine's case?

In *Joseph Shine versus Union of India* (2018), a five-judge Constitution Bench led by then Chief Justice of India (CJI) Dipak Misra decriminalised adultery, striking it from the Indian Penal Code while clarifying it remains a civil wrong and valid ground for divorce. In 2020, another five-judge Bench headed by former CJI Sharad A. Bobde dismissed review petitions as meritless. Earlier, the law punished a man with up to five years' imprisonment for sexual relations with another man's wife, but exempted the consenting wife from prosecution and did not apply it if the married man engaged in sexual relations with an unmarried woman or widow.

The 2018 *Joseph Shine* verdict held that consensual extramarital sexual relationships are no longer criminal, that is, no one can be jailed or fined for adultery. Striking down the colonial provision, the Supreme Court highlighted that adultery is not a crime if the husband connives or consents to his wife's extramarital affair, thereby treating a married woman as her husband's 'chattel'. Emphasising that adultery is "absolutely a matter of privacy at its pinnacle," the top court reasoned it should remain only a ground for divorce, not a crime. Thus, while decriminalised, adultery still carries civil consequences in family law or tort, as *Joseph Shine* did not expressly or impliedly foreclose such implications.

What did the Delhi High Court say?

In *Shelly Mahajan*, the Delhi High Court issued summons by taking a *prima facie* view that a spouse can sue the partner's paramour for interfering in the marriage and seek compensation. The HC clarified that while Joseph Shine decriminalised adultery, it did not grant a licence for 'extramarital relationships' free of civil or legal implications. Matrimonial statutes like the Hindu Marriage Act, 1955, offer remedies between spouses (for example, divorce), but none against a third party intruding into the marriage, the court further stressed.

Since matrimonial laws like the Hindu Marriage Act, 1955, provide remedies only between spouses, a civil tort claim against a third party for such interference remains open, in the absence of a specific bar, the court further stressed. However, the HC also acknowledged an important limitation that there has to be wrongful inducement or misconduct by the third party that caused the marital breakdown. When one spouse claims to have suffered legal injury on account of the disruption of the marital relationship, the law, under tort, recognises that compensation may be sought from those alleged to have contributed to the breach, the court noted.

The ruling clarified that while adultery is decriminalised and not punishable by the state, it still carries civil consequences in India. These include loss of consortium claims, compensation suits like the AoA case, and the personal remedy of divorce, where a betrayed spouse may petition the family court to dissolve the marriage on grounds of adultery. More importantly, the HC also laid down a three-fold test to decide such a claim. First, intentional and wrongful conduct by the paramour directed at alienating the marital relationship of the aggrieved spouse. Second, clear causation linking that conduct to a legally cognisable injury to the aggrieved spouse. Third, the loss claimed is susceptible to rational assessment.

Who has jurisdiction to decide the AoA claim?

One key issue before the Delhi HC was whether AoA suits should go for trial in family courts or civil courts. It held that family courts have exclusive jurisdiction over matrimonial causes between spouses (divorce, alimony, custody, etc.), but a claim against a third party for interfering in a marriage is an independent civil injury (a tort), not arising from the marital relationship itself. Therefore, a family court cannot adjudicate a tort claim against a third person, and the civil court retains the jurisdiction. The Court added that if a spouse has a protectable interest in the marriage, third parties bear a correlative duty not to intentionally and wrongfully alienate that affection.

The Delhi High Court's ruling marks a significant step in recognising civil recourse for spouses affected by interference in marriage. It opens the door for carefully framed claims that respect both personal autonomy and marital rights, offering a path for justice where harm has been caused.

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Survey extended amid a raft of complaints

From wrong addresses to abandoned or locked homes, enumerators are facing an uphill task; complaints of enumerators not taking data from willing families also surface

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

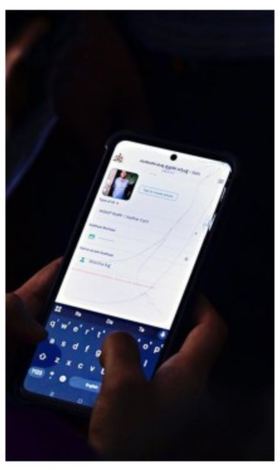
Amid the decision to extend the Social and Educational Survey coming on Monday, problems continue to dog the survey across the State despite it nearly completing two weeks.

According to data provided on Monday evening, the survey has so far covered 1.15 crore households of the estimated 1.43 crore, recording a 80.39 % coverage. A total of 4.32 crore population has been covered so far. In Greater Bengaluru Authority region, the survey covered 2.60 lakh households of the estimated 39.82 lakh households. Of the seven districts in Kalyana Karnataka region, Koppal district has achieved 98.42 % of the target.

With the initial deadline of the survey, which commenced on September 22 coming to an end on Tuesday, enumerators have been found to be hurrying up with the survey process often with complaints of dropping data of family members or just completing the survey of one person in a family.

Enumerators have been given on an average 150 households to be completed in a fortnight's time, which many, especially in urban centres, have not been able to cover. In Mysuru, for instance, just about 53% of the estimated households have been completed as either people were refusing to provide details or claim to have completed the survey in their native places.

A teacher drafted to be an enumerator in Malur in Kolar district, a semi-urban centre, said that he just completed 50% of the target of 140 households given to him. "Finding homes has been a Herculean task because, the



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K. MURALI KUMAR

energy meter RR number is not in a cluster or contiguous. We have instances of RR number of borewells or irrigation pumpsets being geo-tagged. We have just reported it back," the teacher said on condition of anonymity.

In Belagavi, instances of abandoned homes, shops, commercial establishments, irrigation pumpsets or a motor fixed to a sump in cluster homes, have been reported. "Based on the requests of teachers, non -residential units are being weeded out after cross verification," a Social Welfare Department official said.

However, Dakshina Kannada Deputy Commissioner H.V. Darshan told reporters in Mangaluru that there were no guidelines issued by the Commission to deal with vacant homes. "Enumerators have taken photographs and other proofs that these houses have been vacant for a long time. Enumerators have taken an undertaking from households that have refused to participate in the survey," he said.

Complaints of enumerators not compiling the data of every member of a family or wrong entry made has been brought to the notice of authorities to no avail. The enumerators have also not shown interest in fielding all the 60 questions since it remained time consuming. Of the 60 questions, 20 questions pertain to the whole family while 40 questions are to each individual.

In Shivamogga, instances have been reported where the enumeration was completed in less than 15 minutes of households that have four to five persons. "Instead of capturing data of all, enumeration was shown as completed by taking information about one person in the family," said a resident of Adarsh Nagar.

Instances of enumerators bringing their family members, including children, to help complete the survey quickly, have also been reported in Mysuru. In Yadgir, the district president of Teachers' Association Ashok Kembhavi urged the Government to provide holidays for the teachers who are taking part in the survey.

Enumerators in Hubballi are struggling to get information from households in Ashraya colonies where original owners have rented out the homes. "Those staying there on rent do not want to give information and we are asked to contact original owner, who is not available on phone. They have refused to share their electricity bill too," an enumerator said.

(With inputs from Mangaluru, Hubballi, Belagavi, Shivamogga, Mysuru, Yadgir and Kalaburgi)

Those opposing survey don't want an egalitarian society: CM

The Hindu Bureau
KALABURAGI

Chief Minister Siddaramaiah on Monday said there was absolutely no question of suppressing or discriminating any community in the ongoing Social and Educational Survey being conducted by the Karnataka State Commission for Backwards Classes.

"Those who oppose the survey are the ones who do not want an egalitarian society," he remarked while addressing media representatives at Ginigera airstrip in Koppal.

The Chief Minister was in the city to inaugurate the completed development projects and lay foundation stones for new ones, together worth ₹2,000 crore.

Chief Minister Siddaramaiah speaking to media persons in Koppal on Monday. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Equitable development
Responding to Union Minister V. Somanna's allegation that the survey was aimed at "undermining upper castes," the Chief Minister said that such claims were baseless and misleading.

"If there is no such survey, it will be impossible for a government to understand the social, economic and educational conditions of various sections of society. The purpose is not to demean anyone, but to ensure equitable development," he said.

When asked about Union Minister Pralhad Joshi's statement that he would not take part in the State survey, Mr. Siddaramaiah questioned whether the Union Minister would also oppose the caste census proposed by the Union government.

Mr. Siddaramaiah said that the survey work for about 1.10 crore households had been completed, and as of October 5, around 63% of the total work was done.

The Chief Minister noted that Koppal district had achieved nearly 97% completion of the survey and reiterated that those opposing the exercise were resisting social change.

Recalling his contest in the Koppal Lok Sabha constituency in the past, he expressed gratitude to the people for their support.

Protests against plant
On the ongoing protests against the establishment of a steel plant by the Baldota Group in Koppal, Mr. Siddaramaiah said the matter was sub-judice and that appropriate action would be taken after the court's decision.

Replying to a query on environmental pollution caused by industrial dust from units such as MSPL, the Chief Minister said that the government would conduct necessary inspections and take measures to control dust emissions.

Separate religion tag
On the issue of separate religious status for Lingayats, the Chief Minister said: "People are free to identify their religion as they wish. Enumerators will record it accordingly. My stand is the same as that of the people."

Guarantee schemes
Dismissing allegations that government guarantee schemes were not reaching beneficiaries, Mr. Siddaramaiah said that all guarantee schemes were being implemented effectively and were reaching the people.

Referring to reports of children dying due to cough syrups in some States, the Chief Minister said that he had directed the Health Department to take necessary precautions and monitor the issue closely.

Converted SCs can identify as Buddhists

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The State Government on Monday issued orders to allow persons from Scheduled Castes to identify themselves as "Buddhist" in the religion column that is part of the Scheduled Castes certificate.

While Monday's order issued by the Social Welfare Department enables those from 101 Scheduled Castes who have converted to Buddhism to declare their religion in the caste certificate, it also allows the families to declare their religion as "Buddhism" in the religion column in the documents of schools coming under Department of Education and Literacy, private schools and other educational institutions.

The latest GO has been issued under the Karnataka Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes and Other Backward Classes (Reservation in appointments) Act 1990 which has been amended in 2024.

The order said that though a circular had been issued earlier, several organisations and associations had sought clarification on the issue and petitioned the government to issue an order in this regard. The order quoted directions issued by the Union government's Ministry of Welfare in November 1990, order by Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, 2016 and 2017, which were based on the Constitution (Scheduled Castes) Orders (Amendment) Act, 1990.

Siddaramaiah condemns 'attack' on CJI in apex court

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Chief Minister Siddaramaiah has strongly condemned the incident in which an advocate allegedly threw a sheaf of papers at Chief Justice of India B. R. Gavai in the Supreme Court on Monday.

In a statement here on Monday, the Chief Minister demanded the immediate arrest of the advocate and initiating legal action against himn for insulting the Chief Justice of India.

Chief Justice of India Gavai, who belongs to the Dalit community, rose to a high position through merit and achievement, the Chief Minister said.

The incident was a testament to the existence of caste-based inequality in the society even after 75 years of implementing the Constitution, Mr. Siddaramaiah said.

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Task force demands door-to-door survey of transgenders

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BENGALURU

The Karnataka Transgender Task Force (KTTF), a collective of transgender rights organisations, has demanded that the government conduct the ongoing survey for gender minorities in a door-to-door manner, alleging discrimination and lack of facilities at hospitals and other government centres where the survey is currently being held.

Noting that 45 days were inadequate to conduct a comprehensive survey and to mobilise the community, the KTTF also demanded an extension of the survey period.

The demands were drafted at a meeting in which close to 100 community members, enumerators and representatives from the State committee participated.

'We support survey'
"We support the survey and wholeheartedly welcome it. But the way that it is being implemented has several issues. Many of our community members have been facing discrimination in hospitals from the staff. There are senior citizens who cannot go to hospitals or other government centres to enrol themselves. All these need to be taken into consideration," said Akkai Padmashali, transgender rights activist, speaking to *The Hindu*.

"If surveys like the caste census and Social and Educational Survey can be held door to door, why can't the same be conducted for the transgender community too? Isn't that discriminatory to the community?" she questioned.

Survey centres
According to government officials, district and taluk hospitals were chosen as survey centres initially to collect unbiased data in a confidential manner. A week after the survey commenced, a circular was issued extending the survey centres to other government offices too.

However, participants of the meeting pointed out that neither the hospitals nor the government centres were the friendliest places for transgender or intersex individuals and demanded that the government include 'hamams' and community-based organisations as data collection centres.

Stigma
Community leaders also pointed out that mobilisation of people to take part in the survey was proving to be hard given the stigma against them at government centres and reports of privacy violations.

Not only the participants, but even the enumerators seem to be facing issues during the survey.

Khandre: No force can separate Veerashaivas and Lingayats

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Minister for Forest, Ecology and Environment Eshwar Khandre on Monday countered the demand for a separate religious status for Lingayats by the Basava Samskruthi Abhiyan and said that "no force can separate Veerashaivas and Lingayats" in the State.

He recalled the statement made by revered seer the late Shivakumara Swamy that both Veerashaiva and Lingayats are one and ruled out a separate religious tag only to Lingayats.

In reply to Minister M.B. Patil's demand for a separate religious tag for Lingayats, Mr. Khandre said, "Some vested interests are spreading misinformation about the community with political malice."

Noting that the State would develop if Veerashaiva-Lingayats remained united, he said the Mahasabha was in favour of the religious tag for the Veerashaiva-Lingayat community.

"Although we are all Hindus geographically, Sikhs, Parsis and Jains are recognised as separate religions." Based on our customs and beliefs, he said a separate religious tag should be given to the Veerashaiva-Lingayat.

The All India Veerashaiva-Lingayat Mahasabha has been demanding the separate column in the caste census for the community since 2000. He said the issue of separate religion has nothing to do with the government.

Asked about the speculation on the change of leadership in the Congress government, the Minister said, "There is nothing like November kranthi, and it's just a topic of discussion in the media. No discussion had taken place at the party level on the issue of leadership change."

BANGALORE WATER SUPPLY AND SEWERAGE BOARD

INVITATION FOR TENDERS (Through KPP Portal Only)

BWSSB invites tenders in Two Stage Tender System from eligible Contractors for the following Works.

Sl. No.	Name of the Works	Amount Put to Tender / EMD Amount
Office of The Chief Engineer (Design & QA), 9th Floor, Cauvery Bhavan, K.G. Road, Bengaluru-560009.		
IFT No.: BWSSB/CE(D&QA)/ACE/TA/2406/2025-26		Date: 04-10-2025
1	Work of Supply, Installation and Commissioning of IOT Devices for the RO Plants including Online Monitoring Software along with 2 years O&M of Devices for the RO Plants coming under EE(BW&PS)-1-3 Division **(222 Nos.)**	Rs. 2,13,12,000/- / Rs. 3,20,000/-
IFT No.: BWSSB/CE(D&QA)/ACE/TA/2407/2025-26		Date: 04-10-2025
2	Work of Comprehensive Operation & Maintenance of RO Plants based on the Revenue Sharing Method coming under AEE(BW&PS)-1-2 Sub Division **(O&M-2 Total No.58) - 2nd Call.**	Rs. 2,71,44,000/- / Rs. 4,07,500/-

For both the above works, Last Date for Receipt of Tenders: **23-10-2025 upto 16.00 Hours.**
Technical Bids will be Opened on: **24-10-2025 at 16.00 Hours.**
Sd/- Chief Engineer (Design & QA)

The details regarding the tender and participation in the e-Procurement Process can be obtained by logging on to **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in.** For further details contact the above signed office during working hours.
DIPR/CP/Adverto/3120/2025-26

ಕಾರ್ಯಪಾಲಕ ಇಂಜಿನಿಯರ್‌ರವರ ಕಛೇರಿ
ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ನೀರಾವರಿ ನಿಗಮ ನಿಯಮಿತ
ನಂ. 2, ವಾರಾಹಿ ಜಲಾಶಯ ಯೋಜನಾ ವಿಭಾಗ, ಸಿದ್ಧಾಪುರ–576229
ಕುಂದಾಪುರ (ತಾ), ಉಡುಪಿ (ಜಿಲ್ಲೆ), ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ

ಅಲ್ಪಾವಧಿ ಇ–ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ: 04 & 05/2025–26/942 & 943 ದಿನಾಂಕ: 30.09.2025

(ದ್ವಿ–ಲಕೋಟೆ ಪದ್ಧತಿ)

ವಾರಾಹಿ ಯೋಜನಾ ವಿಭಾಗದ ಕಾರ್ಯ ವ್ಯಾಪ್ತಿಯಡಿ ಬರುವ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳಿಗೆ ಇ–ಪ್ರಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ವೇದಿಕೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಸಂಬಂಧಪಟ್ಟ ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರಿಂದ ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ನ್ನು ಆಹ್ವಾನಿಸಲಾಗಿದ್ದು ವಿವರಗಳು ಕೆಳಕಂಡಂತಿರುತ್ತದೆ.

1. ಟೆಂಡರಿಗಿಟ್ಟ ಮೊತ್ತ ರೂ. 498.91, 498.48, 498.23, 24.97 & 24.95 ಲಕ್ಷಗಳು
2. ಇ–ಪ್ರಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ವೇದಿಕೆಯ ಟೆಂಡರಿನಲ್ಲಿ ಭಾಗವಹಿಸಬಹುದಾದ ದಿನಾಂಕ: 06.10.2025
3. ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಬಗ್ಗೆ ಪೂರ್ವಭಾವಿ/ಸ್ಪಷ್ಟೀಕರಣ ಸಭೆ ದಿನಾಂಕ: 13.10.2025
4. ಟೆಂಡರಿನಲ್ಲಿ ಭಾಗವಹಿಸಲು ಕೊನೆಯ ದಿನಾಂಕ: 15.10.2025 ಸಂಜೆ 5.00 ಗಂಟೆಯವರೆಗೆ
5. ಟೆಂಡರನ್ನು ತೆರೆಯುವ ದಿನಾಂಕ: 10.10.2025 ಸಂಜೆ 5.15 ಗಂಟೆಗೆ
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ಅಲ್ಪಾವಧಿ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ

ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ರಾಜ್ಯದ ರಾಜ್ಯಪಾಲರ ಪರವಾಗಿ ಕಾರ್ಯನಿರ್ವಾಹಕ ಅಭಿಯಂತರು, ಯೋಜನಾ ವಿಭಾಗ, ಧಾರವಾಡ ಇವರು ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಯ ಐಟಂ ರೇಟ್ ದರಗಳ ಟೆಂಡರನ್ನು ಕೆ.ಪಿ.ಪಿ ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್ ಮುಖಾಂತರ ಏಕ ಮತ್ತು ದ್ವಿ ಲಕೋಟೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಇಚ್ಛೆಯುಳ್ಳ ನೋಂದಾಯಿತ ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರಿಂದ ಆಹ್ವಾನಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ. ಈ ಯೋಜನೆಯ ಅನುಷ್ಠಾನಕ್ಕಾಗಿ ರಾಜ್ಯ ಸರ್ಕಾರವು ಅನುದಾನವನ್ನು ಒದಗಿಸುತ್ತದೆ.

ಕಾಮಗಾರಿ ವಿವರಗಳು :
ಇಂಡೆಂಟ್ ನಂ.1) KRRDA/2025-26/RD/Work Indent 236 /CALL-3,
2) KRRDA/2025-26/RD/Work Indent 238/ CALL-3,
ಧಾರವಾಡ ಜಿಲ್ಲೆಯ ಧಾರವಾಡ ಮತ್ತು ಕಲಘಟಗಿ ತಾಲೂಕಿನ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳ, ಟೆಂಡರ ಕಾಲಾವಧಿ 9 ತಿಂಗಳು (ಮಳೆಗಾಲ ಸೇರಿ), ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ಗಿಟ್ಟ ಮೊತ್ತ ರೂ. ಕೆ.ಪಿ.ಪಿ ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ವೀಕ್ಷಿಸುವುದು. ಮುಂಗಡ ಠೇವಣಿ ಮೊತ್ತ ರೂ. ಕೆ.ಪಿ.ಪಿ ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ವೀಕ್ಷಿಸುವುದು.
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ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ಗಳನ್ನು ಸ್ವೀಕರಿಸುವ ಅಧಿಕಾರಿಯು ಯಾವುದೇ ಕಾರಣ ನೀಡದೇ, ಯಾವುದೇ ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ನ್ನು ಅಥವಾ ಎಲ್ಲಾ ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ಗಳನ್ನು ತಿರಸ್ಕರಿಸುವ ಅಧಿಕಾರವನ್ನು ಹೊಂದಿರುತ್ತಾರೆ.

(ಎಮ್.ಎಸ್. ದಿವಟರ್)
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ಯೋಜನಾ ವಿಭಾಗ, ಧಾರವಾಡ
ವಾಸಾಸಂ/ಧಾ/ದಿಶಾ/736/2025–26

OBITUARY & REMEMBRANCE

DEATH

OBITUARY

With deep sorrow, we announce the passing of **Shri SARANGARAJAN VARADACHARI,** son of late Shri Annaswami Varadachari, in Bangalore on 03.10.2025 He was born on 21.03.1952 and lived a full life always giving, nurturing, and mentoring others, leaving a lasting impact on all whose lives he touched.
Fondly remembered by wife Vasanthi, son Aditya & his family.

HOMAGE

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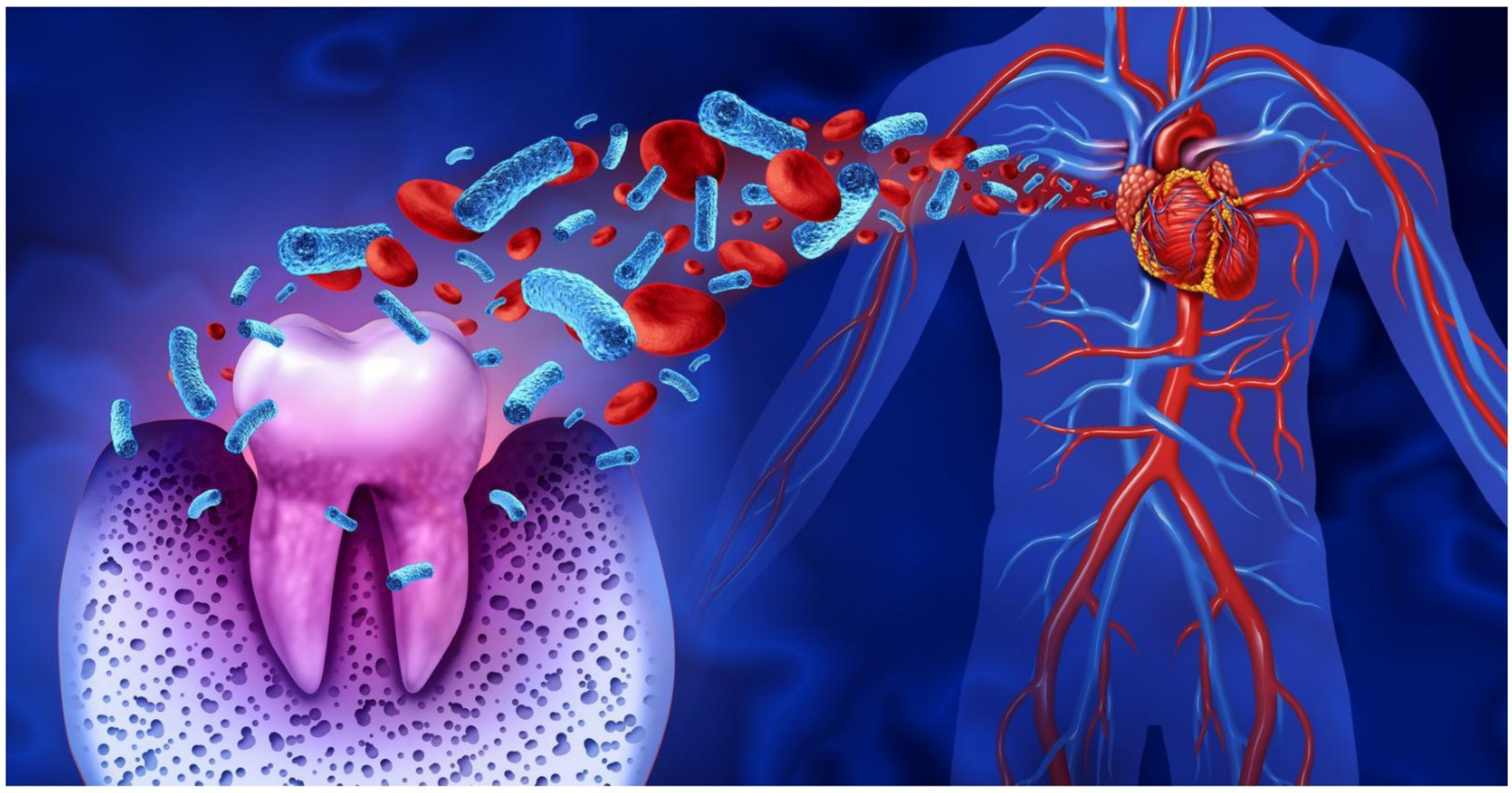
Mrs. Hema Srinivasan
Former Senior Vice Principal P.S.B.B. School, Nungambakkam attained Acharyan Thiruvadi on 05.10.2025
PADMA SESHADRI BALA BHAVAN GROUP OF SCHOOLS

PULSE-CHECK



GETTY IMAGES

Could hidden dental bacteria help explain sudden and deadly heart attacks?

A new study, by a research team in Finland, examined coronary arteries from 121 sudden-death autopsies and 96 patients undergoing vascular surgery. Using DNA detection tests and microscopic staining, the researchers found bacterial DNA in a significant proportion of samples

Anirban Mukhopadhyay

A new study published in the *Journal of the American Heart Association* has found that *viridans streptococci*, a group of common oral bacteria, can form sticky bacterial layers called biofilms deep inside atherosclerotic plaques, remaining hidden from the immune system until the moment of rupture. The findings suggest that oral bacteria could persist in coronary arteries and contribute directly to fatal heart attacks.

Coronary artery disease has long been understood as a condition driven by cholesterol deposition, high blood pressure, diabetes, and smoking, all of which promote chronic inflammation in the arteries. Alongside these established factors, researchers have also proposed infection-related inflammation as a trigger for plaque rupture, leading to heart attacks. Previous studies had linked microbes related to pneumonia, herpes viruses, and ulcers inside atherosclerotic plaques, although none had been linked directly to rupture events.

"This study is a step forward in our understanding of the reasons for increased incidence of heart attacks in individuals with gum disease and the increased prevalence of gum disease in patients with heart attacks," C.C. Kartha, ex-professor of eminence at the Rajiv Gandhi Centre for Biotechnology, Thiruvananthapuram, said.

Plaques and heart attacks

The new study, by a research team at Tampere University in Finland, examined coronary arteries from 121 sudden-death autopsies and 96 patients undergoing vascular surgery. Using DNA detection tests and microscopic staining, the researchers found bacterial DNA in a significant proportion of samples. *Viridans streptococci* were the most frequent species, present in about 42% of both autopsy and surgical cases.

The bacteria were seen forming biofilms within the lipid-rich cores of plaques, where immune cells called macrophages largely failed to notice them, suggesting they could persist silently for years. In ruptured plaques, however, the bacteria had shifted location into the outer layer that covers the plaque and prevents it from spilling into the bloodstream. Here, they were associated with the activation of toll-like receptor 2 (TLR2), an immune sensor that helps the body detect microbes. This pattern was consistent with inflammation leading up to rupture.

The team also took steps to rule laboratory contamination out. Lead author Pekka J. Karhunen explained that their controls showed no signal when unrelated bacteria were tested and that the same bacterial signatures were found in both autopsy and surgical cases.

The question now is whether these hidden bacteria can be treated. Attempts to treat coronary disease with antibiotics have repeatedly failed in large clinical trials, and the Finnish group suggested that biofilms may explain why. The bacteria embedded in these structures strongly resist both antibiotics and immune clearance.

Prof. Soma Guhathakurta, cardio-vascular and thoracic surgeon, and Honorary Advisor at Namar Heart Hospital, Chennai, said the oral bioburden could one day be measured in suspected high-risk individuals, who could be offered preventive penicillin treatment in a strategy modelled on the way doctors manage rheumatic fever. While this is speculative, such proposals show how the findings are already opening new lines of inquiry.

Oral health and heart risk

Dentists have long observed how bacteria in dental plaque can alternate between stable biofilms and free-floating, invasive forms. "Bacteria in dental biofilms can form robust communities that, under certain conditions, can disperse and release more virulent cells," Delhi-based orthodontists Hiten and Priyanka Kaushal Kalra explained.

They said that such shifts are plausible in arteries as well as through microtears in the blood vessel lining, on prosthetic surfaces such as valves or stents, and the lipid-rich environment of plaques. When conditions change, dispersed free-floating cells can re-emerge and penetrate deeper tissues, like those seen in infective endocarditis, a serious infection of heart valves.

The Kalras pointed to population-level evidence linking oral care with cardiovascular health. "The ARIC study showed regular dental care was associated with a 23% lower stroke risk, while a large Korean cohort found more frequent tooth brushing linked to reduced cardiovascular events." Untreated periodontal disease, apical periodontitis and chronic dental infections, by contrast, correlate with higher risks of stroke and coronary disease.

They emphasised early management of gum disease, prompt treatment of abscesses or necrotic teeth, and regular cleaning, alongside collaboration between dentists and cardiologists in high-risk patients.

Public health resonance

The insights from dentistry highlight the everyday routes by which bacteria could reach the arteries – a concern made sharper in India's context. Cardiovascular disease affects people in India of younger ages even while untreated oral disease remains widespread.

"The oral-cardiac link is well known, though the causal link has not been established," said Dr. Kartha. "It is important to educate the public regarding the mouth-heart connection and the importance of oral hygiene as well as detecting and treating gum disease early, especially in patients with risk factors such as high LDL and diabetes."

Prof. Guhathakurta added that oral swab surveillance after the age of 40 could be one way to test the biofilm-heart link in community settings, if validated by further research.

The Finnish group is also extending its investigations. "We aim to publish our bacterial genetic sequencing findings on the whole microbiome of coronary atheromas in the near future," said Dr. Karhunen. Looking further ahead, he added, "We also aim to study the possibility of developing a vaccine against bacterial biofilm formation and bacterial-induced clotting."

These ideas reflect a broader effort to move beyond association and determine whether targeting hidden biofilms can alter the course of coronary disease.

For now, cardiology practice remains centred on cholesterol control, blood pressure management, and diabetes care. Yet the new findings and the voices of clinicians and dentists alike underline that oral health may be more closely tied to heart health than is recognised. Whether through everyday gum care or future biofilm-targeting therapies, the bacteria in our mouths could prove to be an overlooked player in the story of India's most common killer.

Anirban Mukhopadhyay is a geneticist by training and science communicator from New Delhi.

THE DAILY QUIZ

Please send in your answers to dailyquiz@thehindu.co.in

The Missionaries of Charity was founded by Mother Teresa on this date 75 years ago. A quiz on the organisation and its founder

V.V. Ramanan

QUESTION 1
Mother Teresa said the call to found the order came on a train journey to which place in 1946?

QUESTION 2
How many sisters were part of the initial congregation and where did it start in 1950?

QUESTION 3
What were the names of the first home for the dying destitutes and abandoned children opened in 1952 and 1955 respectively?

QUESTION 4
After getting the Decree of Praise from Pope Paul VI in 1965, in which country did the order start its first house outside India?

QUESTION 5
What did the Government of India do to mark the canonisation of Mother Teresa on September 4, 2016?

QUESTION 6
Who founded the Missionary Brothers of Charity in 1963 along with Mother Teresa?

QUESTION 7
How long does it take to become a full-fledged missionary of the Charity?

Visual question:
Name the headquarters of the Missionaries of Charity where this tomb of Mother Teresa is located. PTI

Questions and Answers to the previous day's daily quiz:
1. The year in which the UN declared Gandhi's birthday as the international day of non-violence. **Ans: 2007**
2. Mahatma Gandhi was named the Person of the year by Time magazine in this year. **Ans: 1930**
3. The name of the book written by Mahatma Gandhi on vegetarian diet. **Ans: *The Moral basis of Vegeteranism***
4. Mahatma Gandhi had an important friendship with this person. **Ans: Russian Novelist Leo Tolstoy**
5. This person gave Gandhi the title of 'Mahatma' in this year. **Ans: Rabindranath Tagore in 1915**
6. The group volunteered by Gandhi in 1900 for the British as stretcher bearers during the Second Boer War. **Ans: Natal Indian Ambulance Corps**
7. The medal bestowed on Mahatma Gandhi which he returned after the Jalianwala Bagh massacre. **Ans: Kaiser-i-Hind**
8. The journal started by Mahatma Gandhi in South Africa which carried news of Indians in South Africa. **Ans: *Indian Opinion***

Visual: The name of this object. **Ans: Charkha**

Early Birds: C. Saravanan| Piyali Tuli| Sunil Madhavan| Haridas Pal| Sukdev Shet

FROM THE ARCHIVES

Know your English

Upendran

"How was the programme?"

"It was awful. The singers were just terrible. We gave them the bird."

"Really? What bird did you give them?"

"Ha! Ha! When you give a performer the bird, you make fun of him/her."

"The audience ridicules him/her off the stage, I suppose."

"That's right! It's an informal expression. Here's an example. When the actor forgot his lines, the audience gave him the bird."

"Many people have come to our school and given speeches. But we have never given anyone the bird."

"I don't think such things are done in schools! Last week I sang at the office party. I got the bird from my friends."

"That's not surprising! While we are on the subject of birds, what does 'hawkish' mean?"

"If you refer to someone as being 'hawkish', it means he/she believes in using force and violence to achieve something."

"This person doesn't believe in peaceful methods?"

"No, he doesn't. This is a word used in politics quite a bit. For example, the Opposition feared that the new Defence Minister would be too hawkish."

"There was a time when Americans used to accuse Russia of being hawkish."

"Now it's Iraq that is accusing the American President of being hawkish."

"That's true. And when you refer to someone as being a 'hawk'..."

"... it probably means that he/she believes in using force rather than peaceful means to achieve something."

"Exactly! The President of our union is a hawk."

"What is the opposite of a hawk?"

"A person who is interested in finding a peaceful solution to a problem is called a 'dove'. For example, no one knows whether the new Minister is a hawk or a dove."

"I am told that she is a hawk."

"Some people say that she is a dodo."

"A what?"

"D..o..d..o. Both the syllables rhyme with the words no, go and show. The stress is on the first syllable."

"I see. A 'dodo' is a bird, right?"

"That's right! But it no longer exists. It is extinct. When you refer to someone as being a dodo, it means that you think he/she is silly or foolish. For example, I felt like a dodo when I slipped on the banana peel."

"Every time I talk to Sujatha, I feel like a dodo."

"My boss was made to feel like an inarticulate dodo by our chairman."

"Is your chairman very intelligent?"

"He thinks he is. But we all know that he is a dodo. He merely parrots what the GM says."

"Parrots what the GM says?"

"When you 'parrot' someone, you merely repeat or reproduce what he/she said without really understanding it."

"Many children parrot what is in their textbooks."

"Some teachers want their students to parrot everything they say in class."

Published in The Hindu on May 12, 1998.

Word of the day

Consortium:
an association of companies for some definite purpose

Synonyms: pool, syndicate

Usage: *They formed a consortium to focus on the project.*

Pronunciation: newsth.live/consortiumpro

International Phonetic Alphabet: /kənˈsɔː(ɹ).ʃəm/, /kənˈsɔː(ɹ).ti.əm/

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SC rejects petition against Telangana order for 67% quota

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The Bench questioned the petitioner why he did not move the High Court first.

The Supreme Court declined on Monday to entertain a petition challenging a Telangana government order enhancing the Backward Classes' quota in municipalities and panchayats to 42%, leading to the total reservation of seats in local bodies in the State to touch 67%.

A Bench of Justices Vikram Nath and Sandeep Mehta, however, gave the petitioner, Vanga Gopal Reddy, liberty to approach the Telangana High Court against the September 26 order of the State government.

The Bench had queried why Mr. Vanga Gopal had moved the top court in the first instance and not the High Court. The petition, filed through advocate Somiran Sharma, raised the question whether States could increase the total reservation of seats in local bodies to breach the 50% ceiling. Mr. Somiran pointed out the enhancement in the OBC quota had come prior to a notification issued by the Telangana State Election Commission announcing that the panchayat election process in the State would commence from October 9.

Polling for the local bodies' election in Telangana would happen in two phases on October 23 and October 27.

Breaching limit

"Together with the existing 15% for Scheduled Castes and 10% for Scheduled Tribes, the aggregate reservation exceeds 67%, directly violating the 50% ceiling judicially prescribed by the Supreme Court," the petition had argued. The 50% ceiling rule in reservation was established by a nine-judge Bench of the Supreme Court in the Mandal Commission case judgment of 1992.

The September 26 order issued by Telangana had followed an attempt by the State to enact a law, the Telangana Backward Classes (Reservations of Seats in Rural and Urban Local Bodies) Bill, 2025, to enhance OBC seats in local bodies by 42%.

However, the petition said, the Bill had been neither assented to by the Governor nor by the President.

Mr. Vanga Gopal had said the Telangana government's order augmenting OBC quota in local bodies violated Section 285A of the Telangana Panchayat Raj Act, 2018, which expressly codified the 50% ceiling in reservation in local bodies' seats.

Kerala HC forms SIT to probe gold-clad Sabarimala idols case

SIT to be led by S. Sasidharan, SP of Crime Branch, under the supervision of H. Venkitesh, Additional DGP. Cyber Police too to be part of the team

The Hindu Bureau
KOCHI

The Kerala High Court on Monday ordered the constitution of a special investigation team (SIT) to probe the alleged irregularities since 2019 that led to reduction in the weight of gold-clad copper coverings of the Dwarapalaka idols at the Sabarimala Ayyappa temple by over 4 kg.

The SIT would be led by S. Sasidharan, Superintendent of Police (SP) of the Crime Branch, under the supervision of H. Venkitesh, Additional Director-General of Police (DGP). Cyber Police personnel too would be part of the team.

The directive to form the SIT was passed by a Bench of Justice Raja Vijayaraghavan V. and Justice K.V. Jayakumar after the Travancore Devaswom Board's Vigilance wing submitted an interim report on the matter. The Vigilance personnel had probed the reduction in weight of the idols after they were sent to a private firm in Chennai for electroplating by Unnikrishnan Potti, a businessman.

The High Court also directed that the SIT probe the matter with all confidentiality and that its report be submitted to it directly.

The High Court had a week ago directed that a comprehensive inventory and expert evaluation of the valuables at the temple be carried out.

This came in the wake of a report submitted by the Sabarimala Special Commissioner regarding the alleged removal of gold-clad copper coverings of the Dwarapalaka idols from the temple without his permission.

The Opposition staging a protest oustide the Kerala Assembly over the Sabarimala controversy on Monday. NIRMAL HARINDRAN

Devaswom Minister welcomes HC probe

The Hindu Bureau
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM

Minister for Devaswoms V.N. Vasavan on Monday welcomed the high-level probe ordered by the High Court into the gold 'theft' row at the Sabarimala temple, even as he said the issue goes back to 2019 and raking it up now is aimed at tarnishing the Global Ayyappa Sangamam conclave.

Addressing a press conference here, Mr. Vasavan accused the Opposition United Democratic Front of deliberately portraying it as something new.

The State government has faith in the court decision and would fully cooperate with it, he said.

'Police should be thanked for their handling of stampede'

The Hindu Bureau
KARUR

Makkal Needhi Maiam leader and actor Kamal Haasan on Monday said the police should be thanked, and not blamed, for their handling of the September 27 stampede that claimed 41 lives at actor and TVK founder Vijay's rally in Karur.

He visited the site of the stampede at Velusamypuram and met the bereaved families.

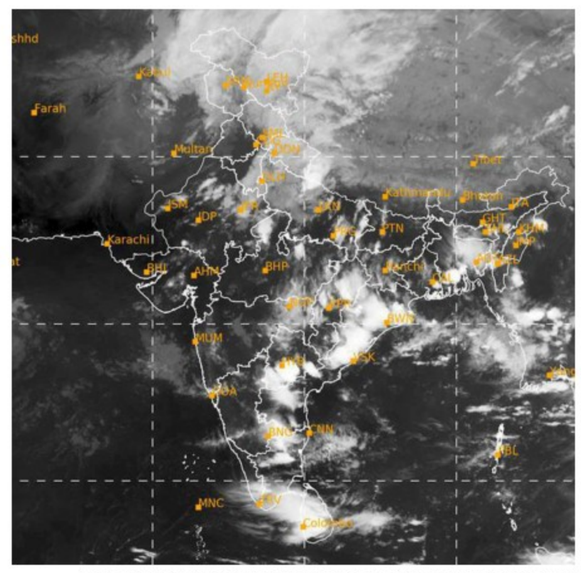
He urged the public and the media to show restraint and compassion.

Appreciating the government's decision not to permit the rally at the Lighthouse Corner, as sought initially by the TVK, Mr. Haasan said, "This is not the time to appreciate anyone; but we have to thank them for denying permission for the rally at the bridge [Lighthouse Corner]. That would have been a larger black mark... My only consolation is that it has not become a bigger tragedy. Had permission been given for that spot and people fallen into the river [Amaravati], what would have been their state," he asked.

Pointing to former Minister V. Senthilbalaji, who accompanied him, Mr. Haasan said, "Instead of asking how they came so quickly that day, the solace is that they did come. Had they not arrived at the right time, we would have lost more lives. We must thank them."

WEATHERWATCH

Rainfall, temperature & air quality in select metros yesterday



TEMPERATURE DATA: IMD, POLLUTION DATA: CPCB, MAP: INSAT/IMD (TAKEN AT 18.15 HRS)

Forecast for Tuesday: Heavy rainfall likely at isolated places over Himachal Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Assam, Meghalaya, Nagaland, Manipur, Tripura, Tamil Nadu, Puducherry and Karaikal. Thunderstorm with lightning & gusty winds likely at isolated places over Jammu & Kashmir, Ladakh, Haryana, Delhi, Andhra Pradesh and Karnataka

CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN	CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN
Agartala	0.6	32.8	24.7	Kozhikode	—	33.4	25.8
Ahmedabad	18	32.6	24.2	Kurnool	0.4	31.9	24.5
Aizawl	—	32.0	21.2	Lucknow	—	33.1	25.9
Allahabad	—	34.9	24.8	Madurai	—	36.6	23.1
Bengaluru	7	28.0	20.3	Mangaluru	—	30.5	24.2
Bhopal	63	30.0	21.6	Mumbai	0.6	31.7	23.9
Bhubaneswar	0.6	29.7	25.8	Mysuru	—	29.0	21.0
Chandigarh	0.1	24.8	22.2	New Delhi	10	26.5	20.6
Chennai	—	34.2	25.4	Patna	—	30.0	23.8
Coimbatore	—	33.0	23.4	Port Blair	—	30.6	24.2
Dehradun	0.1	27.4	21.2	Puducherry	—	34.0	23.8
Gangtok	—	22.6	14.8	Pune	—	32.2	21.1
Goa	3	31.3	25.0	Raipur	38	30.4	23.0
Guwahati	5	30.0	22.9	Ranchi	—	29.8	21.6
Hubballi	—	29.0	19.0	Shillong	0.6	24.0	16.6
Hyderabad	15	31.8	22.1	Shimla	9	16.2	11.5
Imphal	—	30.3	17.8	Srinagar	2	12.5	10.5
Jaipur	2	25.1	23.0	Thiruvananthapuram	—	34.4	24.8
Kochi	—	31.0	25.0	Tiruchi	—	35.1	23.4
Kohima	—	22.1	16.4	Vijayawada	5	34.0	23.6
Kolkata	0.2	30.6	25.4	Visakhapatnam	14	32.0	24.0

(Rainfall data in mm; temperature in Celsius)

Pollutants in the air you are breathing

CITIES	SO₂	NO₂	CO	PM2.5	PM10	CODE
Ahmedabad	.27	..35	25	 32	45	
Bengaluru	...6	..37	28	..... —	85	
Chennai	...9	..16	55	 46	49	
Delhi	.70	..29	55	... 106	...173	
Hyderabad	...8	..31	31	... 118	79	
Kolkata	...6	..25	30	 80	84	
Lucknow	.40	..12	65	... 111	...136	
Mumbai	...9	..36	58	 39	86	
Pune	..—	..43	34	 40	77	
Visakhapatnam	.10	..47	25	 51	67	

Yesterday

In observation made at 4.00 p.m., Greater Noida, Uttar Pradesh recorded an overall air quality index (AQI) score of 166 indicating a moderate level of pollution. In contrast, Shillong, Meghalaya recorded a healthy AQI score of 8

Air Quality Code: Poor Moderate Good (Readings indicate average AQI)

SO₂: Sulphur Dioxide. Short-term exposure can harm the respiratory system, making breathing difficult. It can affect visibility by reacting with other air particles to form haze and stain culturally important objects such as statues and monuments.

NO₂: Nitrogen Dioxide. Aggravates respiratory illness, causes haze to form by reacting with other air particles, causes acid rain, pollutes coastal waters.

CO: Carbon monoxide. High concentration in air reduces oxygen supply to critical organs like the heart and brain. At very high levels, it can cause dizziness, confusion, unconsciousness and even death.

PM2.5 & PM10: Particulate matter pollution can cause irritation of the eyes, nose and throat, coughing, chest tightness and shortness of breath, reduced lung function, irregular heartbeat, asthma attacks, heart attacks and premature death in people with heart or lung disease

Land auction in Hyderabad fetches ₹177 crore per acre

R. Ravikanth Reddy
HYDERABAD

Setting a new benchmark for land value in Telangana, the Telangana Industrial Infrastructure Corporation (TGIIC) has received a record-breaking bid of ₹177 crore per acre in its auction of 7.67 acres at Raidurg in Hyderabad Knowledge City.

This is the highest-ever price per acre realised in any government-led auction in the State, fetching ₹1,357.59 crores and shattering all historic records.

This surpassed the earlier Neopolis, Kokapet benchmark of ₹100.75 crore per acre for 3.6 acres achieved in auctions conducted by the Hyderabad Metropolitan Development Authority (HMDA) during the previous Bharat Rashtra Samithi (BRS) regime.

The auction was successfully managed by JLL India & MSTC as the auction partner, which acted as the exclusive transaction advisor to TGIIC.

The Raidurg auction drew participation from leading national and regional developers, demonstrating strong investor faith in Hyderabad's sustained growth and the strategic value of Raidurg as the heart of Hyderabad's Knowledge City, said the Chief Minister's Office (CMO) reflecting the robust policy support from the Government of Telangana.

"The record price of ₹177 crore per acre reflects the strong confidence that investors and developers have in Hyderabad's long-term potential and Telangana Rising-2047 story," VC and Managing Director of TGIIC K. Shashanka said.

No monsoon blues

Crimson skies: The skies have remained mostly clear with no rain for the past five days, bringing people outdoors to the beach front at Shangumugham in Thiruvananthapuram on Monday. NIRMAL HARINDRAN

Get undertaking from traders on sale of green crackers: Khandre

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Action will be taken to cancel the licences of those selling heavy metal chemical crackers, says Eshwar Khandre

Eshwar Khandre

In order to curb the sale and use of traditional firecrackers and encourage eco-friendly green crackers during Deepavali festivities, Environment Minister Eshwar Khandre has instructed the Karnataka State Pollution Control Board (KSPCB) to obtain an undertaking from firecracker shop owners stating that they will not sell heavy metal chemical crackers and sell only eco-friendly green crackers.

Speaking to reporters after flagging off Electric Vehicles (EV) at the Vidhana Soudha on Monday, Mr. Khandre directed that action be taken to cancel the licences of those selling heavy metal chemical crackers. On the occasion, Chief Minister Siddaramaiah launched 68 EV vehicles for use by the regional and zonal offices of the KSPCB.

Mr. Khandre said that as diesel vehicles that are 15 years old cannot be used by the board, there was a shortage of vehicles which was hindering the monitoring of single-use plastic, medical waste, e-waste disposal units, inspection and verification of single-use plastic manufacturing units, shops and testing the quality of water sources.

"A proposal has been sent by the board for the procurement of 68 EV vehicles which has been approved. The KSPCB officials should make good use of these vehicles and make sincere efforts to protect the environment in collaboration with local organisations," Mr. Khandre said.

Kerala govt. tables Malayalam Language Bill in Assembly to conserve linguistic rights

The Hindu Bureau
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM

The Left Democratic Front (LDF) government tabled the Malayalam Language Bill, 2025, in the Assembly on Monday.

Law Minister P. Rajeeve said the Bill aimed to enshrine the Malayalam language at the heart of official communications in the State. It also sought to render it the legal language in courts trying lesser offences under the respective District and Sessions Courts.

Mr. Rajeeve said the Bill also sought to protect the rights of linguistic minorities, including citizens who considered Tamil, Kannada, Tulu, and Kongu their mother tongues.

"The Bill conserves their right to use their respective language or English for their communications with the government," he added.

He said the Bill sought to render Malayalam as Kerala's sole official language. The State now recognised English and Malayalam as official languages. The draft law also proposed to make Malayalam the first language in schools.

The Bill proposed the creation of a Malayalam Language Development Directorate under the aegis of the Official Language Wing for Personnel and Administrative Reforms.

Mr. Rajeeve said the Bill rendered Malayalam as the official language of ordinances promulgated by the Kerala Governor, bills introduced in the Assembly, Acts passed by the legislature, and also rules, orders, regulations, and by-laws of the government, with English translations provided.

Mr. Rajeeve said that earlier versions of the Bill, aimed at preserving, nurturing, and developing Malayalam against the backdrop of the global march of foreign languages, chiefly English, had failed to receive gubernatorial and presidential assent.

He said the Union government had raised objections regarding provisions concerned with the rights of linguistic minorities, trilingual education in compliance with the national curriculum and the Right to Education Act, 2009.

Mr. Rajeeve said the Bill sought to rectify the anomalies while safeguarding and promoting the Malayalam language and culture.

Provide loans with 25 paise interest for higher studies: Naidu

The Hindu Bureau
VIJAYAWADA

Loans can be availed by students in foreign universities, IITs, IIMs and medical courses

Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu has instructed the officials to devise a scheme to provide bank loans to students aspiring to do graduate and postgraduate courses in foreign countries at a nominal interest rate of 25 paise, without any cap on the number of beneficiaries.

He also wanted the scheme to be made applicable to students pursuing higher education in the IITs, IIMs, and medical courses through the National Eligibility-cum-Entrance Test (NEET).

At a review meeting on welfare departments, at the Secretariat on Monday, Mr. Naidu said students availing those loans could repay in 14 years.

Coaching for BCs

He told the officials to set up training centres in two regions to provide IIT and NEET coaching for students from Backward Classes.

Ensure compliance

Firms that make poor quality drugs must face consequences

Atmanirbhar Bharat is an aspirational ideal well worth pursuing, but not without a sustained quality control framework in place. Time and again, there have been serious threats to the goal of 'making in India', particularly in the pharmaceutical sector. The issue of quality of cough syrups has repeatedly been raised, and India with great ambitions in the global pharmaceutical sector has often been short of what is required to build a robust and trustworthy industry. Recently, the Union Health Ministry sought strict drug compliance from all Indian drug manufacturers, in line with the revised Schedule M norms for pharmaceutical products in India. This came after a report from the Tamil Nadu Drugs Control Department found above permissible limits of diethylene glycol (DEG) in samples of Coldrif, a cough syrup being manufactured by a private company. The tests were initiated after cough syrup was suspected to be behind the recent deaths of at least 14 children in Rajasthan and Madhya Pradesh. Strangely, while the Health Ministry ruled out the presence of DEG, in initial tests conducted on samples from the two States, it was detected in one of the batches lifted by Tamil Nadu within the State. The State's Drugs Control Department also recorded several non-compliance factors in the Good Manufacturing Practices and Good Laboratory Practices of the Drugs Rules, at the manufacturing facility. Its report mentioned that the contaminated batch was manufactured using non-pharmacopoeial grade propylene glycol as an excipient. It mentioned that this might have contaminated the drug with DEG and ethylene glycol, known nephrotoxic substances. The Central Drugs Standard Control Organisation has recommended cancellation of the firm's manufacturing licence. Meanwhile, a doctor who reportedly recommended the cough syrup to many of the children who died in Madhya Pradesh was arrested.

While these measures are good to address the situation in the instant case, what the Indian state must do is have a zero threshold for poor quality drugs. Hawk-like monitoring is necessary, and action when violations are detected. It is criminal to act only when deaths have occurred; that is indefensible. A framework of proven Good Laboratory Practices already exists; what is needed is seriousness in handling every such reported violation, along with regular, surprise inspections of drug batches, with appropriate action taken for every violation. It is important to send the message down the assembly line that the government will not brook any shoddiness or violations that endanger the lives of people.

Kept in check

The Nobel laureates' work has redefined the immune system itself

The 2025 Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine has recognised discoveries that transformed the scientific understanding of autoimmune regulation. Today, researchers are exploring these conditions' genetic, molecular, and environmental determinants, paving the way for early diagnoses and targeted interventions. An important chunk of this advance is owed to the work of Mary Brunkow, Fred Ramsdell, and Shimon Sakaguchi, who established the role of regulatory T-cells (Tregs) and the transcription factor FOXP3. In the 1990s, immunologists had already defined the deletion of self-reactive T-cells during maturation, yet this process could not account for the persistence of autoreactive T-cells in healthy individuals. Sakaguchi figured that an additional mechanism must operate in the periphery. In 1995, his team identified a subset of $CD4^+$ T-cells that, when they were removed from mice, led to multiple autoimmune disorders, while restoring the cells prevented disease. Next, Brunkow and Ramsdell, then at Celltech Chiroscience, found that male scurfy mice developed severe multi-organ autoimmunity and died within weeks of birth. They were able to narrow the mutation to the X chromosome, identifying an insertion in the DNA that truncated a previously unknown gene. They named it FOXP3, and found that losing it led to immune collapse. Soon, clinical collaborations reported mutations in FOXP3 in boys with a lethal autoimmune disorder. These findings together established that self-tolerance rested on a molecular switch governing the differentiation and maintenance of Tregs.

Today, in autoimmune diseases, experimental treatments aim to expand or stabilise Tregs. Early clinical trials have shown that reinforcing this cell population can mitigate harmful immune activation without broad immunosuppression. In transplantation, engineered Tregs are being infused to improve graft acceptance. In cancer, researchers are exploring selective depletion or reprogramming of tumour-associated Tregs to enhance immunity without triggering autoimmunity. Beyond therapy, the conceptual shift brought on by the laureates' work has redefined the immune system: from an on/off apparatus to a dynamic ecosystem of activation and restraint. That Brunkow and Ramsdell conducted their work within industry also underscores how private sector research can yield significant discoveries. But even now, some immunologists caution against underestimating the field's incremental nature. In a testament to the broader landscape including overlapping layers of control rather than a single molecular pathway, researchers face several obstacles to translating what they know to safe, scalable therapies. Cell-based therapies' high cost has also accentuated inequities in access, creating ethical and policy challenges.

Calling out the criticism of the Indian judiciary

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Societies in search of a quick fix often look for a scapegoat. In today's India, for much of the ruling class, it is the courts which don the role. Public policy advisers are quick to paint the judiciary as obstructionist and somehow responsible for stalling India's otherwise grandiose plans for economic prosperity.

Not for the first time, Sanjeev Sanyal, a member of the Prime Minister's Economic Advisory Council, pointed to the courts as the chief roadblock to the country's development. "We effectively have somewhere between 20-25 years to become Viksit Bharat," he said. "The judicial system and the legal ecosystem, but the judicial system in particular, is now, in my view, the single biggest hurdle to [India] becoming Viksit Bharat and growing rapidly."

Misinformed, vague censure is no solution

Leaving aside what Viksit Bharat might, in fact, mean, these comments once again reduce the judiciary to a caricature. Mr. Sanyal's speech, delivered at the Nyaya Nirman conference last month, recycles familiar tropes about judges working short hours and going on vacations. Mr. Sanyal, perhaps justifiably, claims that we must stop being self-congratulatory when it comes to analysing the workings of our legal processes. But the solution is not misinformed or vague and hazy censure.

India's judicial system is far from perfect. But to brand its imperfections as the "single biggest hurdle" to growth distorts its place in India's democracy. What is true is that our courts are overstretched and under-resourced, but other wings of government scarcely consider these to be issues of priority. In reality, the courts only mirror the failures that mire the rest of India's governance.

Mr. Sanyal's own example undercuts his case. He cites the enforcement of Section 12A of the Commercial Courts Act, 2015, which makes pre-suit mediation mandatory. He says that in Mumbai, most of such mediations fail, demonstrating that the courts are imposing an ineffective procedure. But what this ignores is that it is not our courts that dreamt up Section 12A. Parliament wrote it into law. Judges are bound to enforce what legislators enact. If a provision is poorly designed, the failure lies with the drafters, not with those applying it.

Mr. Sanyal also invokes what he calls the "99-to-1 problem". In his telling, most of India's rules and regulations are drafted to guard against the abuse of laws by a small fraction of people – exceptions, which he argues, should be left to the courts to resolve. "Because I do not think it will get sorted out there, the rest of the 99% of laws and rules end up being complicated to address that 1%, feeding back into a spiral," he says. The precise meaning of this formulation is difficult to pin down, but what it points to, once again, is less a judicial failing and more a familiar malaise of Indian law-making – that is, imprecision in drafting.

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He further suggests that this 99-to-1 problem manifests in the court's inability to enforce contracts efficiently. But this too is a superficial critique which ignores how the country's largest contractors, the Union and State governments, behave. Tender documents are riddled with arbitrary conditions, routine processes are overlooked, and legal rights are treated as discretionary favours. It is easy to speak about judicial delays without emphasising on the role played in it by India's biggest litigant – the government.

Tax authorities file appeals against routine orders as a matter of course, often dragging disputes all the way up to the Supreme Court of India. Ministries fight over simple contractual matters that they ought to honour. Public enterprises sue with little thought, squandering judicial resources. Citizens, pensioners, teachers, public service employees and doctors serving the state are forced to litigate for simple benefits that they are entitled to in the ordinary course. If efficiency is our concern, then we must ask ourselves why successive governments – both at the level of the Union and the States – have been unwilling to discipline their own litigation practices.

The system, the reality

Another easy target is court sittings. The visible part of the job might run only from 10:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the case of the Supreme Court and a little longer in the case of the High Courts. But judges may hear anywhere between 50 to 100 cases during this window. It is a difficult job to do well.

Behind those hearings lie hours of preparation: reading briefs, drafting and signing orders, and considering precedents. Much of judicial work requires cerebral thought and happens behind closed doors, in the early hours of the morning or late into night and certainly across weekends.

Vacations too are misunderstood. Their colonial origins make them an easy target. But courts have benches sitting through vacations too, and the holidays that other judges get is meant for a little relaxation but for the most part to complete their reserved judgments. India's judges are already working against improbable odds. They face one of the heaviest caseloads in the world, a fact that is only compounded by continuing vacancies. To deny them structured breaks would only undermine the cause of justice.

What Mr. Sanyal's lament also ignores is that much of the judiciary's burden comes from laws that are misconceived, vague, and designed for optics rather than clarity. The government's much vaunted criminal law reforms went little further than changing the names of India's age-old criminal legislation. For the most part, they recycle the colonial framework, if merely converting what were codes into sanhitas, leaving judges and lawyers grappling with decades of precedent with newly rebranded sections.

The new Income-Tax Act, which will come into force next year, is another case in point. Its enactment has been touted as an effort at simplification. But a reading of its provisions suggests that it is old wine in a new bottle. Explanations, exceptions and provisos have been removed and inserted as new sections, only likely leading to a new wave of litigation.

The word "notwithstanding" used in many places in the existing income-tax law has been replaced with the word "irrespective". The first word has deep legal roots. There is a mountain of case law on how phrases such as "notwithstanding anything contained in any other statute" should be interpreted. In theory, the word "irrespective" is meant to serve as a simpler substitute. But how exactly does this change make the law any clearer for the everyday taxpayer? If anything, it swaps one piece of legal jargon for another. For the ordinary taxpayer, the law is, at best, differently obscure.

None of this is to deny that the judiciary needs reform. Delays are real, infrastructure is outdated, and accountability mechanisms are weak. But lampooning the system as the "biggest hurdle" to our development only clouds the debate.

Most acute in the lower judiciary

It is no doubt politically convenient to cast the judiciary as the culprit. Doing so allows governments to deflect their own failures – both administrative and legislative. But our disputes drag on for the most part, not because judges are out vacationing, but because our laws are poorly framed, governments have an endless appetite for litigation, and dockets remain overloaded even as vacancies persist. These pressures are felt most acutely in the district courts, where most Indians encounter the justice system.

India's constitutional democracy is not designed for speed alone. Courts were never meant to be rubber stamps for governance but independent checks on executive power. To weaken them is to chip away at the very foundation of what development in its truest sense ought to mean. The judiciary is not flawless. But if we are serious about reform, we must look beyond distortions on vacations and delays and confront the structural failings that lie elsewhere.

Israel's new doctrine of 'going on the attack'

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There is a new wave of optimism among both Palestinians and Israelis after United States President Donald Trump revealed his peace plan in the presence of Israel's Prime Minister, Benjamin Netanyahu, a week ago. With Hamas agreeing to release all Israeli hostages and Mr. Trump welcoming the move and asking Israel to stop bombing, optimism has increased further. But there is little hope of a lasting peace if one looks back at Israel's conduct since the Hamas terror attack two years ago.

A savage response

Last month, the day after a United Nations commission of inquiry found Israel guilty of committing genocide against Palestinians in Gaza, a senior Israeli Minister revealed a plan for the occupied territory. Far-right Finance Minister Bezalel Smotrich told a real estate conference in Tel Aviv that the Gaza Strip was a potential real estate "bonanza" and that he was in talks with the U.S. on how to divide up the coastal enclave after the war.

Mr. Smotrich's comment came 24 hours after Israel launched its long-awaited ground offensive in Gaza City with a new wave of killings and destruction. Lakhs of Palestinians were forced to flee their homes again, and if one believes Mr. Smotrich, they will never be able to return.

Israel claims that it has been fighting to destroy Hamas in Gaza. But its military has targeted the entire Palestinian community and tried to dehumanise it. Yoav Gallant, who was Defence Minister at the time of the Hamas-led October 7, 2023 terror attack on Israel, said that Israel was fighting "human animals".

Soon after Israel launched its military campaign in response to the Hamas attack in 2023, Mr. Netanyahu compared the Gaza war to the story of the Jewish fight against an enemy known as Amalek. In the *Old Testament*, God tells the Jewish people to eliminate all the Amalek men, women and children, as well as their possessions and their animals.

> Israel's new defence doctrine will only make its citizens more insecure

This suggests what the Palestinians are up against. The use of brutal military force has emerged as the main pillar of Israel's security policy since the Hamas attack. This policy is backed by the U.S., which provides unflinching military and diplomatic support to Israel.

Mr. Netanyahu has already declared that there will be no Palestinian state, despite most of the world, including several western governments, recognising Palestine. Last month, he signed an agreement to go ahead with a controversial settlement plan for Jews that will cut across the occupied West Bank territory, which Palestinians seek for a state. The far-right Israeli parties have always opposed a Palestinian state, and their leaders have been calling for the annexation of the entire West Bank and Gaza.

Across borders

Israel's military doctrine of using brutal force against its enemies goes beyond its borders. The Netanyahu government now acts like a regional hegemon in West Asia. After he launched air strikes against Iran in June, Mr. Netanyahu declared his intention to change the regime.

Earlier, Israel used to kill its enemies abroad but would not acknowledge it. Not any more. Its actions in Syria, Iran, Yemen, and the recent attack on Hamas negotiators in Qatar show that it is not hesitant to go after its enemies.

There is no doubt that Israel has achieved remarkable military successes against its enemies in the past 23 months. It has decapitated the leadership of Hamas and its ally Hezbollah in Lebanon, killed thousands of their fighters and inflicted a severe blow to the Iranian military with the U.S.-backed air strikes.

But Israel has failed to defeat Hamas – its stated objective of the war – underlining a reality that the use of brutal force alone cannot achieve results. It remains the most powerful group in Gaza and retains the ability to recruit new fighters. Although Mr. Trump's peace plan does not give any future role to Hamas and demands that it lay down arms, the group is unlikely to accept that.

The global response is changing

There is an even more important issue that should worry Israel. After killing over 67,000 people, most of them civilians, in Gaza, destroying its infrastructure, flattening most of its buildings and creating a famine-like situation, Israel is becoming sidelined internationally.

The European Commission plans to restrict trade with Israel and impose sanctions on its extremist Ministers. Norway is removing Israel-listed companies from its sovereign wealth fund. In Hollywood, there has been a signature campaign going on to boycott Israeli companies.

This has made many Israelis worried. According to a recent opinion poll, 74% of Israelis are in favour of ending the war. Israel's generals are also not happy with Mr. Netanyahu. Many opposition politicians accuse him of prolonging the war to stay in power.

Most Israelis are nervous that the current military doctrine will only make Palestinians more desperate, driving more of their youth towards Hamas.

Mr. Trump's pressure on Israel to accept its plan suggests that even American support is no longer certain. But can the world trust Mr. Trump, who is known to chicken out? Is he really committed to peace and willing to rein in Mr. Netanyahu?

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Drug makers, safety norms

It is surprising that some manufacturers of cough syrup in India have not learnt any lesson after the uproar by some foreign countries such as Gambia and Uzbekistan, some years ago, following a similar incident — and the embarrassment caused to India (Inside pages, "Drug makers must comply with revised norms: govt.", October 6).

Lax inspection and a weak oversight mechanism appear to have emboldened some pharma manufacturers to cross red lines. It is not enough that the government prescribes norms and Good Manufacturing Practices. Hawk-like oversight with regular inspections and stringent action against pharmaceutical units not adhering to prescribed norms are imperative. India is called the "Pharmacy of the world" and drug manufacturers have to be extra cautious and adhere to international standards.

Kosaraju Chandramouli,
Hyderabad

I write this letter as a Professor of family medicine, paediatrics, clinical ethics and medical education. One fails to understand the failure to recognise irrational combinations of numerous medications available in the market. In the present instance, the cough syrup under scrutiny is like many others available in the market — i.e., irrational combinations. It allegedly has chlorpheniramine, phenylephrine and paracetamol. The first two have the potential for serious adverse effects, hence they are globally disallowed in children under age two if not age six. Combining them with paracetamol, which has a different frequency of administration, makes it a high risk for overdoses. These risks are irrespective of the addition of glycol levels. Should not these irrational combinations be scrutinised and the approving authority held responsible?

Dr. Sanjiv Lewin,
Bengaluru

An ugly face

It is unfortunate that growing hostility between India and Pakistan has seeped into sport. In cricket, for example, one had the men's and women's teams refusing post-match handshakes, tarnishing the spirit of the "gentleman's game". Laurels won or lost come later, dignity comes first. Sports should unite, not divide. The authorities must act to restore respect and fair play or stop teams from spreading animosity. True athletes rise above politics, showing that honouring a game's values is the real victory.

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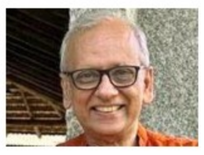
Reforming passive euthanasia in India



K. Kannan

former judge, Punjab and Haryana High Court, and author, Medicine and Law (2025)

In June, the U.K.'s House of Commons passed the Terminally Ill Adults (End of Life) Bill, reigniting a global conversation about euthanasia. The proposed law permits physician-assisted dying for mentally competent adults expected to live fewer than six months, subject to medical certification and oversight by a national panel. While it is awaiting approval from the House of Lords, the Bill marks a bold legal and moral step that many western countries have embraced.

While India has recognised passive euthanasia through a series of Supreme Court judgments, it has consciously drawn a line against active euthanasia. Cultural values, institutional capacity, and socio-economic conditions make it unlikely that India will mirror the U.K.'s path. But that does not mean it should remain static.

Practical inaccessibility

Passive euthanasia permits the withdrawal of life-sustaining treatment when it merely prolongs suffering. It is not an act of killing but an allowance for death to take its natural course. Yet, despite legal recognition, procedural requirements, such as advance directives, dual medical board clearance, and occasional judicial oversight, make implementation painfully slow.

For patients in terminal stages or their families, these delays amount to cruelty. The law, though sound in principle, is often hollow in practice. Reports from tertiary hospitals suggest that in most cases, families are forced to make decisions informally and outside the legal framework, thus placing doctors in a difficult legal position. The absence of an efficient implementation system erodes the very dignity the law was intended to preserve.

The U.K. model, while progressive, rests on strong institutional supports such as the National Health Service, universal access to general practitioners, and a reliable regulatory framework. India's healthcare system is fragmented, uneven, and under-resourced. Moreover, its societal context – marked by deep family involvement, religious sensitivities, and varying literacy levels – makes end-of-life choices more complex. Introducing active euthanasia, even with safeguards, may inadvertently pressurise the elderly, disabled, or financially dependent to opt for death. As medical care is expensive and palliative care underdeveloped, this could produce ethical dilemmas of coercion.

There are also jurisprudential concerns. While Article 21 of the Constitution guarantees the right to life and has been interpreted to include the right to die with dignity, this cannot be stretched to mean a right to be killed. The Supreme Court has been cautious in maintaining the distinction between omission and commission, between allowing death and causing death. The Indian approach reflects a careful ethical conservatism suited to the realities of the country.

Charting its own course

Rather than expanding into active euthanasia, India should focus on refining its passive euthanasia protocol. A humane, efficient system can be built by leveraging digital tools and streamlining procedures. There is already growing consensus among medical professionals and legal scholars that the present system is too cumbersome.

Advance directives should be registered on a national digital portal, linked with Aadhaar for biometric verification. This system should allow patients to create, update, or revoke their directives easily. A treating physician should validate the patient's mental capacity and intent online.

Hospital ethics committees, consisting of senior doctors, a palliative care specialist, and a neutral third party, should be empowered to authorise withdrawal of life support within 48 hours. Exceptional cases can be flagged for further scrutiny.

Although a State-level ombudsman was initially proposed for oversight, India's experience with ombudsman schemes in banking and insurance has been mixed. Delays, limited enforcement powers, and public unfamiliarity have marred their effectiveness. Instead, a more transparent, decentralised review mechanism – perhaps built into hospital networks and monitored through digital dashboards – may be more suitable. Independent medical auditors or health commissioners with statutory backing could be alternatives worth exploring.

Mandatory safeguards, such as a seven-day cooling-off period, psychological counselling, and palliative care review, should remain part of the process to prevent misuse and ensure decisions are fully informed. These align with international best practices and help address fears of abuse, especially among vulnerable populations.

The way forward

India's constitutional promise of dignity in life must extend to dignity in dying. Reforming passive euthanasia does not require India to imitate the U.K.'s active euthanasia model, but it does compel it to make the current framework workable. Digitally driven procedures, local hospital-based ethics review, and effective (but not burdensome) oversight can make end-of-life decisions more accessible and humane. This path is consistent with Indian values, safeguards against abuse, and empowers patients without risking exploitation. In addition, medical education must integrate training on end-of-life care, including ethical and legal components. Public awareness campaigns are essential to normalise discussions on advance care planning. Without public trust and awareness, even the best laws will fail to serve their purpose.

India's constitutional promise of dignity in life must extend to dignity in dying

We need an urban climate emergency fund

Disaster recovery cannot depend on ad hoc grants or delayed relief measures

STATE OF PLAY

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Bouts of localised flooding across Hyderabad during the 2025 monsoon marooned residents, damaged roads, forced businesses to close, and disrupted electric supply for days. This year's deluge is yet another reminder of how rainfall patterns have shifted in Telangana. The average monsoon rainfall for Hyderabad through the 20th century was 76.88 cm, but over the last 25 years, the city has recorded an average of 91.84 cm. While scientists debate the extent to which this shift is attributable to climate change, for citizens, the cause is less pressing than the consequence.

In Hyderabad, the basements of high-rise apartments were flooded and cars were swept away. And as always, the poor, particularly those who live along the Musi River and lake beds, were impacted the most. They lost rations, home appliances, documents, and vehicles. For families in areas such as Moosa Nagar, Chaderghat, and Kishanbagh, which are on the edge of the river, flooding means a lost school year for children, rising cases of water-borne diseases, and the struggle to rebuild their lives with no insurance safety net.

Hyderabad's vulnerability is the result of willful ignorance of the city's natural gradient and watersheds, decades of civic corruption, and the systematic dereliction of zoning regulations. By shrinking lakes and encroaching on storm water drains, the city has systematically dismantled its natural floodwater flow patterns. Shifting rainfall patterns

are aggravating the problem.

The State government's creation of the Hyderabad Disaster Management and Asset Protection Agency in 2024 was a step forward in dealing with the crisis. The agency has been working to clear lake bed encroachments and rejuvenate water bodies. It restored the Bathukamma Kunta lake, which offers a glimmer of hope. Yet, these interventions cannot undo the damage caused over decades. For instance, the main office of the Hyderabad Metropolitan Development Authority was built in the 1970s on what used to be one of the four lakes in the Ameerpet area.

Climate change is making cities vulnerable. Is India trying to make cities resilient? On July 24, 2025, MP Rookumari Choudhary asked in the Lok Sabha, "Will the Minister of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA) be pleased to state the manner in which the government is incorporating climate resilience into urban planning and infrastructure development to address recurring issues such as flooding, waterlogging and damage to critical systems..."?

In response, the Minister of State for MoHUA, Tokhan Sahu, said that urban affairs falls under the purview of the State governments and urban local bodies. The only financial commitment that the Centre made in this year's budget was the Urban Challenge Fund of ₹1 lakh crore, aimed at implementing proposals for 'Cities as Growth Hubs', 'Creative Redevelopment of Cities', and 'Water and Sanitation'. "This fund finances up to 25% of the cost of bankable projects with a stipulation that at least 50% of the cost is funded from bonds, bank loans, and Public Private Partnership," he said.

What Hyderabad and other urban areas need is a dedicated climate emergency fund. Cities should be able to draw from such a fund for both short-term reconstruction and long-term adaptation. Disaster recovery cannot depend on ad hoc grants or delayed relief measures. If extreme events are going to be the new normal, funding mechanisms need to reflect that reality.

Building resilience is a key challenge, and the Telangana government's Musi Riverfront Development Plan embodies this effort. The plan aligns with the MoHUA's document of 2021, 'River Centric Urban Planning Guidelines', which factored in climate change and suggested the creation of active and passive recreational areas and enforcement of eco-sensitive zoning regulations. The project costs an estimated ₹1 lakh crore-₹1.5 lakh crore. Yet, securing funding has proved to be difficult. Without substantial commitment from the Centre, projects such as this risk becoming cosmetic.

Indian cities are engines of economic growth: they are home to over a third of the country's population and provide most of the jobs in the informal sector. But without climate resilience, these engines will stall. The story of Hyderabad's flooded streets is not just about poor drainage – it is about a development model that requires urgent funds to tide over the climate emergency unfolding in front of us.

Crimes against children surge in Assam, Rajasthan, and Kerala

A rise in the number of cases does not always mean a rise in the number of crimes; it may also indicate better reporting

DATA POINT

Devyanshi Bihani

In 2023, cases of crimes against children recorded the sharpest rise in three States – Assam, Rajasthan and Kerala, according to the latest data from the National Crimes Records Bureau.

In Assam, recorded cases of crimes against children surged by nearly 100% – from an average of around 5,100 cases between 2018 and 2022 to more than 10,000 in 2023. In Kerala, the number increased by 106% – from an average of more than 2,800 cases between 2018 and 2022 to more than 5,900 cases in 2023. In Rajasthan, the number increased by 70% – from an average of 6,200 cases between 2018 and 2022 to more than 10,500 cases in 2023.

In comparison, overall recorded cases of crimes against children in India increased by 25% in that period. **Map 1** shows the percentage change in cases of crimes against children in 2023 compared with the average number of cases recorded between 2018 and 2022. While these three States stand out, the reasons for the rise in each of them vary considerably.

In Assam, a record crackdown on child marriage led to a sharp rise in the number of cases filed under the Prohibition of Child Marriage Act, 2006. In fact, a close look at Assam's crime data against children shows that the spike was driven almost entirely by this State-led intervention. Between 2020 and 2022, about 150 cases were recorded annually in Assam under the Prohibition of Child Marriage Act; this increased to 5,267 in 2023. That year, cases related to child marriage accounted for nearly 52% of all crimes against children in the State, a dramatic jump from 3-4% in the preceding years, as shown in **Chart 2**.

In Rajasthan, two key factors appear to have driven the rise. The first is the sudden shift in the way offences against children were categorised – from only non-POCSO sections to specific POCSO provisions. POCSO refers to the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act, 2012. In 2021 and 2022, over 2,700 cases were filed separately under the rape provision (Section 376 of the Indian Penal Code). However, in 2022 and 2023, no cases were filed independently under this section; instead, there was a corresponding rise in cases registered under the relevant POCSO provision. Cases filed under Sections 4 and 6 of the POCSO Act read with Section 376 of the IPC increased from just three in 2021 and 2022 to more than 3,500 in 2022 and 2023 **(Chart 3)**. This shift – from filing cases solely under IPC provisions to invoking relevant sections of the POCSO Act – was seen across the country, but was most pronounced in Rajasthan.

It should be noted that the more accurate classification of child rape cases occurred alongside an actual increase in such offences in Rajasthan – from about 2,700 to 3,500 cases. However, whether this rise is primarily due to proper classification or an actual increase in offences is an open question.

The second is that there was a sharp spike in cases related to the kidnapping and abduction of children. In Rajasthan, cases filed under various sections related to the kidnapping and abduction of children rose sharply, with their share in total crimes against children climbing to over 54% in 2023 – a steep increase **(Chart 4)**.

There was a surge in POCSO cases in Kerala too. The increase appears partly linked to more accurate classification of offences under specific POCSO sections, accompanied by an increase in the reported cases **(Chart 5)**.

It is important to note that the rise in cases, particularly those involving crimes against children, may indicate improved reporting, rather than a genuine increase in the incidence of such crimes.

Three States, one trend

The data for the charts were sourced from the National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB) from 2020 to 2023

Map 1: The percentage change in cases of crimes against children in 2023 compared with the average number of cases recorded between 2018 and 2022

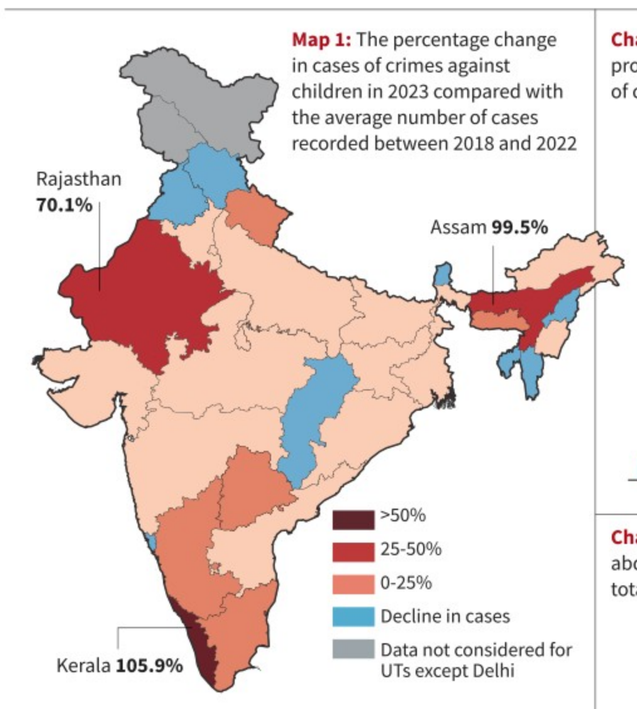
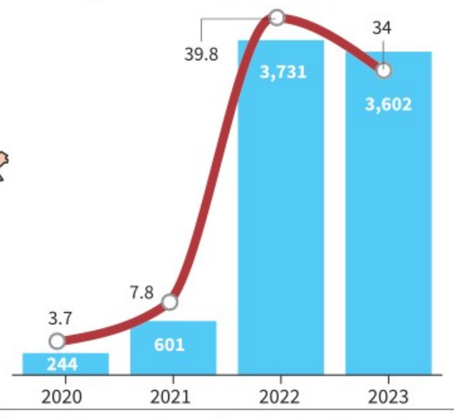


Chart 3: Cases registered under various POCSO provisions in Rajasthan, and its share (%) in total cases of crimes against children



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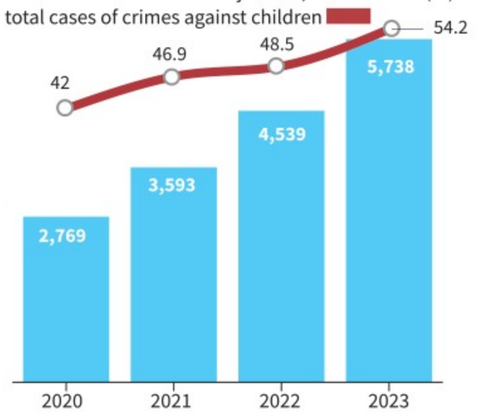

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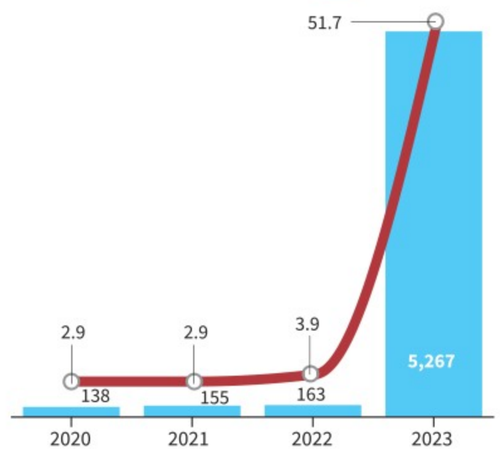

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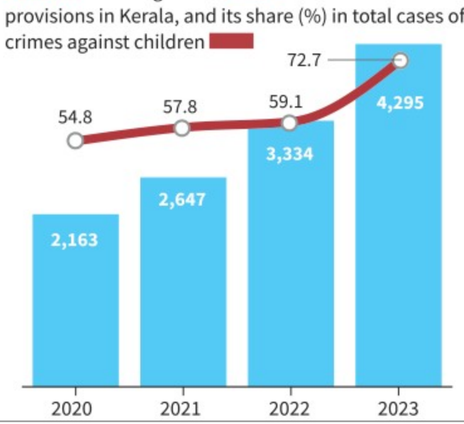

FROM THE ARCHIVES
The Hindu.

FIFTY YEARS AGO OCTOBER 7, 1975

Computer to aid quick recruitment by UPSC

New Delhi, Oct. 6: The Union Public Service Commission is applying its mind now on how best it can improve the efficiency of its recruitment processes. It is also considering measures to ensure speedy completion of recruitment to various posts.

After a great deal of study, it has finally been decided to go in for computerising to achieve these two objectives. A contract for consultancy on the steps to be taken for computerisation has been concluded with the Indian Statistical Institute in Calcutta.

To ensure a more meaningful scrutiny of applications received for scientific and technical posts and for dealing with related matters, the UPSC has appointed in its Secretariat highly qualified technical personnel.

Simultaneously, the UPSC has initiated steps to constitute a data bank on experts in various fields who can be considered for appointments to senior positions and who can be utilised for assisting the Commission either as advisers while interviewing candidates or as examiners. The work has been completed in a number of fields while in a few fields it is yet to be completed.

It has been the experience of the UPSC that for some important posts, the right type of persons do not apply either because they do not want to face open competition or because they are not inclined to apply for the jobs. So the UPSC itself circulates periodically details of vacancies to important institutions which have the talent suitable for the posts. The data bank will enable the UPSC to keep the names of such persons ready and offer them the posts. From experience, the UPSC has found that this is a useful way of getting the most competent person for certain specialities.

A HUNDRED YEARS AGO OCTOBER 7, 1925

Anti-malaria Congress

Rome, Oct. 6: The Anti-Malaria Congress closed, after unanimously approving acceptance of invitation from France to hold the next conference at Algiers in 1930 on the occasion of the centenary of the French occupation of Algiers and the fiftieth anniversary of the discovery of the parasite of Malaria in Algeria.

From Page One

Stage set for two-phase electoral battle in Bihar

Mr. Kumar said that of the total 90,712 polling stations across the State, 13,911 will be in urban areas and 76,801 in rural areas. While 292 of these stations will be managed by persons with disabilities, 1,044 will be managed by women, and 38 by youth. The average number of eligible voters per polling station is 818. "Webcasting will be done at all the polling stations for the first time," he said.

"Police patrolling on horseback will be done across 'diara' regions covering 250 polling stations, and patrolling parties will use boats at 197 polling stations," the CEC said.

He said there will be one general observer (senior officials from outside the State) per constituency, apart from 38 police and 67 expenditure observers in Bihar. A total of 8.5 lakh officials, including 4.53 lakh polling and 2.5 lakh police personnel, 90,712 anganwadi sevikas (who may also assist in verifying identities of 'burqa-clad' women voters if required), 17,800 micro observers for polling and 4,800 for counting, 28,300 counting officials, and 9,600 sector officers, will be deployed.

On the preparation of electoral rolls, Mr. Kumar said the special intensive revision (SIR) went on from June 24 to July 25, and the draft list was published and distributed among stakeholders, including political parties, on August 1. Voters, parties, and Booth Level Agents (BLAs) were given ample opportunity to file claims and objections. The final list was published on September 30.

Describing the SIR as the process of "purification" of electoral rolls that would set a benchmark for future revisions, Mr. Kumar said close to 69 lakh names have been struck off the list. The reasons included deaths, unproven citizenship, duplicate entries, or permanent migration to other States. He said a breakup could not be given in a "decentralised" set-up as Electoral Registration Officers make voter lists. It can be appealed before District Magistrates and the Chief Electoral Officer.

PM calls CJI, says incident has 'angered all Indians'

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Prime Minister Narendra Modi dialled Chief Justice of India (CJI) B.R. Gavai following a violent incident aimed at the latter on the Supreme Court premises on Monday.

Mr. Modi condemned the attack and appreciated the calm displayed by CJI Gavai.

In a post on X, Prime Minister Modi said the attack on CJI Gavai had "angered every Indian".

"Spoke to Chief Justice of India Justice B.R. Gavai *ji*. The attack on him earlier today in the Supreme Court premises has angered every Indian. There is no place for such reprehensible acts in our society. It is utterly condemnable. I appreciated the calm displayed by Justice Gavai in the face of such a situation. It highlights his commitment to the values of justice and strengthening the spirit of our Constitution," the Prime Minister posted.

Mr. Modi's call and post came after Chief Justice Gavai was attacked by a lawyer, who threw what looked like a sheaf of papers at him during court proceedings.

Advocate throws papers at CJI-led Bench, raises slogan

The incident, which occurred during court proceedings, comes amid controversy over CJI Gavai's recent remarks in Vishnu idol restoration matter; Bar Council of India suspends Rakesh Kishore

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

In a shocking incident, an object resembling a sheaf of papers was flung at a Supreme Court Bench of Chief Justice of India and Justice K. Vinod Chandran on Monday by a person present in the courtroom.

The incident occurred while the Bench was in the process of hearing oral mentioning listed before it.

The day started as usual, though an hour later than usual court hours, at 11.30 a.m. The court had reopened after a week-long holiday, and many urgent cases had been lined up for hearing.

The offending object flew in from the left side of the Bench while the judges were turned to their right, hearing advocate Shivam Singh mention his case for an urgent listing.

CJI remains unfazed

The CJI and Justice Chandran made an initial exclamation of surprise, but quickly collected themselves to urge Mr. Singh to continue his mentioning.

> Do not pay attention to such things. Please carry on... If we are not perturbed, why are you? Just ignore
>
> **B.R. GAVAI**
> Chief Justice of India

> It [the incident] constitutes a direct assault on judicial independence, violates constitutional values of decorum and discipline
>
> **THE SUPREME COURT BAR ASSOCIATION**

"Do not pay attention to such things. Please carry on...If we are not perturbed, why are you? Just ignore," the CJI told the distracted lawyers present in the court room.

"I was more rattled than the judges," Mr. Singh recounted later.

The individual, identified as advocate Rakesh Kishore, raised slogans about "Sanatana" while being escorted out of the court room by security personnel.

The CJI's recent remarks about a Vishnu idol had attracted controversy.

After incessant social media outrage for almost two days thereafter, Chief Justice Gavai had explained in open court that he believed in all faiths and "true secularism".

"This incident, reportedly stemming from a misguided backlash against the Chief Justice's judicious observations in the Khajuraho Vishnu Idol Restoration matter, where His Lordship emphasised respect for all religions and clarified his remarks amid social media distortions, cannot be tolerated. It constitutes a direct assault on judicial independence, violates constitutional values of decorum and discipline," the Supreme Court Bar Association linked the incident with the CJI's earlier oral remarks.

Meanwhile, the Bar Council of India (BCI) issued an interim suspension order signed by its Chairman, senior advocate Manan Kumar Mishra, against Mr. Kishore, who is enrolled with the Bar Council of Delhi, under the Advocates Act, 1961 and the Bar Council of India Rules on Standards of Professional Conduct and Etiquette. The BCI order even said Mr. Kishore removed his sports shoes and "attempted" to hurl them during court proceedings.

In 2009, a woman had thrown a slipper at Justice Arijit Pasayat (now retired) during the hearing of a contempt case. The woman was taken into custody.

The Supreme Court Advocates-on-Record Association (SCAORA) expressed its deep anguish. "Such conduct is unbecoming of a member of the Bar and strikes at the very foundation of mutual respect that sustains the relationship between the Bench and the Bar," it said and urged the top court to take *suo motu* cognisance and initiate proceedings for contempt of court.

Dalit man beaten to death in Rae Bareli; 5 held

The Hindu Bureau
LUCKNOW

The Rae Bareli police on Sunday suspended three police personnel, including a sub-inspector, after a Dalit man was beaten to death on suspicion of theft in the Unchahar police station limits on Wednesday.

The Station House Officer, Sanjay Kumar, was also removed from his post.

Uproar erupted after the 38-year-old man was beaten to death amid rumours of being a thief. Five people have been arrested in the matter.

"The accused includes people from Dalit/Backwards and different castes; hence, it's a request to not spread caste rumour," the Rae Bareli police said in a statement.

In a video of the incident, a group of men is seen beating the victim, who can be feebly heard saying some words, including "Rahul Gandhi".

The accused continue beating him, saying that "everyone here is with Baba".

Rae Bareli MP and Leader of the Opposition in the Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi spoke with the family of the deceased and assured them help and support.

Six patients killed in fire in Jaipur hospital

Patients and hospital staff gather after a fire broke out at Sawai Man Singh Hospital in Jaipur on Sunday night. PTI

The State government removed trauma centre incharge Anurag Dhakad and Hospital Superintendent Sushil Bhati from their posts, and suspended Executive Engineer Mukesh Singhal on Monday evening, holding them responsible for the fire mishap. Besides, the tender for S.K. Electric Company – the agency hired for fire safety – was cancelled and instructions were given for registering a first information report against the firm.

The deceased have been identified as Pintu Gujjar (25) from Sikar; Dilip (40) and Bahadur (40) from Jaipur; and Shri Nath (54), Rukmani Kaur (55), and Kusuma (54) from Bharatpur.

The fire erupted on the second floor of the trauma centre opposite the main hospital building on Tonk Road. The centre's in-charge, Anurag Dhakad, said 11 patients were being treated in the neurosurgery ICU and 14 in a second ICU on the same floor. Those in the second ICU were shifted to safer places. Thick smoke spread rapidly in the trauma centre, triggering panic. Hospital staff and family members of patients wheeled them out of the building.

Fire tenders rushed to the spot and broke a window on the opposite side to start extinguishing the fire. The fire was brought under control in about two hours. The police could not enter the building immediately because of the smoke.

Relatives of the victims staged a protest outside the hospital on Monday, raising slogans against the administration and the State government. They alleged negligence by the hospital staff, and said the trauma centre building had safety lapses and no equipment to douse the flames.

"We raised a warning about the smoke 20 minutes earlier, but no one responded. All the doctors and staff ran away when the fire broke out," Dashrath Gujjar, brother of Pintu Gujjar, said when Rajasthan Minister of State for Home Jawahar Singh Bedham visited the site.

Rukmani Kaur's sons Sheru Singh and Joginder Singh said they raised an alarm at 11.15 p.m. when they noticed sparks and smoke, but the hospital staff ignored the alert. "The plaster began to melt and drop. When the smoke began to spread, the staff fled. We were not allowed to go inside the ICU, but Sheru managed to bring out our mother... She did not survive," Mr. Joginder said.

The State government has constituted a high-level investigation committee, while a forensic team of the Rajasthan Police collected samples from the site. The six-member committee will be headed by Medical Education Commissioner Iqbal Khan. The bodies of the deceased will be handed over to their families after post-mortem.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Rajasthan Chief Minister Bhajan Lal Sharma expressed grief over the tragedy.

BJP MP, MLA attacked during visit to flood-hit north Bengal, party accuses Trinamool

The Hindu Bureau
KOLKATA

BJP MP Khagen Murmu was hospitalised on Monday with severe head injuries after stones were thrown at a delegation of BJP leaders at Nagrakata in Jalpaiguri district of West Bengal.

The delegation was visiting the flood and landslide-hit areas in north Bengal for inspection and relief work. The two-time MP from Malda Uttar was seen bleeding profusely from the head after he and BJP MLA Shankar Ghosh were surrounded and attacked by a large group of local people. Their vehicle was also vandalised. "Khagen *da* is lying in the vehicle soaked in blood. There are shattered glass and stones everywhere inside the car," Mr. Ghosh said while on his way to hospital with Mr. Murmu.

A BJP member holds a photo of injured Khagen Murmu, during a protest in Kolkata. PTI

The BJP alleged that the attack was carried out by people affiliated to the ruling Trinamool Congress.

"Today in Nagrakata, while BJP MP Khagen Murmu and Shankar Ghosh, MLA and the chief opposition whip in the West Bengal Assembly, were inspecting flood-affected areas and distributing relief, they were brutally attacked in the presence of the Mamata-police. Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee, the people of Bengal will never forget this cowardice and shamelessness. The people of Bengal will punish every one of your immoral and inhuman acts of brutality," Union Minister Sukanta Majumdar said.

BJP leaders in Kolkata took out a rally and burnt an effigy near their office to protest against the attack.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi slammed the attack as "outright appalling". On X, Mr. Modi said, "The manner in which our party colleagues were attacked in West Bengal is outright appalling. It highlights the insensitivity of the Trinamool Congress as well as the absolutely pathetic law and order situation in the State."

Trinamool Congress spokesperson Kunal Ghosh refuted the BJP's claims and said his party did not support any form of aggression.

Attack on CJI shows bigotry and fanaticism engulfing society, says Congress chief

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Opposition leaders on Monday strongly condemned the attempted attack on Chief Justice of India B.R. Gavai, with Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge saying the "shameful" and "mindless" act reflects the "hate, fanaticism and bigotry" engulfing the society.

Calling the incident "unprecedented, shameful and abhorrent", Mr. Kharge said the incident was an "attack on the dignity of the judiciary and the rule of law".

The Congress president said it was disturbing that a sitting judge, who rose to the nation's highest judicial office through merit, integrity, and perseverance, was targeted in such a manner. "It reflects an attempt to intimidate and humiliate a man who has

Mallikarjun Kharge

broken social barriers to uphold the Constitution. Such a mindless act shows how hate, fanaticism and bigotry have engulfed our society in the past decade," Mr. Kharge wrote on X.

Congress Parliamentary Party Chairperson Sonia Gandhi, said no words were adequate to condemn the attack.

"It is an assault not just on him, but on our Constitution as well. The nation must stand in solidarity with CJI unitedly with a deep sense of anguish and outrage," Ms. Gandhi said.

Former Law Minister Kapil Sibal, who is an Independent Rajya Sabha member, said the "uncivilised behaviour of a member of the Supreme Court Bar must be publicly condemned by all since it is affront to the majesty of the court". "The silence of the Prime Minister, the Home Minister and the Law Minister is, to say the least, surprising," he said.

CPI, CPI(M) condemn

Communist Party of India (CPI) general secretary D. Raja, on X, said the attempted assault was "a challenge before the entire judiciary to abide by the right-wing's code of conduct instead of the Constitution of India".

In a statement, the CPI (M) Polit Bureau demanded action against the lawyer for targeting the Chief Justice.

500 tourists stuck in Darjeeling rescued; death toll rises to 28

The Hindu Bureau
KOLKATA

The death toll in the north Bengal floods and landslides climbed to 28, with five more deaths being reported on Monday from Nagrakata in Jalpaiguri district. Twenty-three people were killed in Darjeeling district in landslides triggered by the heavy rainfall on October 4 and 5.

West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee announced a compensation of ₹5 lakh to the next of kin of the deceased, as her government stepped up relief and rescue work. During the day, Ms. Banerjee arrived in north Bengal along with Chief Secretary Manoj Pant to oversee relief and rescue operations.

Around 500 tourists who were stranded in the Darjeeling hills were rescued by the West Bengal Police and taken to Siliguri. Tourists stranded in the Dooars have also been evacuated.

The Chief Minister pointed the finger of blame at the Centre and said that water from neighbouring States were entering West Bengal and causing floods. She said the floods in north Bengal were "man made."

"North Bengal has been flooded with water from Bhutan and Sikkim. There was 300 mm of rain for 12 hours. Where will all this water go? We tolerate water from Bihar, Uttar Pradesh, Jharkhand. How much more will we do?" Ms. Banerjee said.

India, Australia to sign joint defence and security cooperation declaration

Saurabh Trivedi
NEW DELHI

Australia has acknowledged India's growing capabilities in producing high-end defence equipment, signalling potential for greater engagement with Indian defence manufacturers in the future. While Canberra has traditionally relied on American and other Western systems, sources said that they see India as an emerging and reliable partner in defence production.

Defence Minister Rajnath Singh's upcoming visit to Australia underscores the growing momentum in the defence partnership and its pivotal role in ensuring stability across the Indo-Pacific, an official said.

Rajnath Singh

Mr. Singh will be on a two-day visit on October 9 and 10, during which he will meet Australian Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Defence Richard Marles in Sydney and observe live air-to-air refuelling activities aboard a Royal Australian Air Force (RAAF) KC-30A multi-role tanker.

Hinting at broader strategic discussions, the senior official said deliberations during the visit are expected to cover major bilateral and regional issues, including countries of mutual concern.

Maritime strategy

Australia and India are also developing a Maritime Security Road Map to enhance collaboration on maritime domain awareness in the Indian Ocean.

According to sources, both countries are working toward a new Joint Declaration on Defence and Security Cooperation to set the parameters for future engagement.

This year also marks the fifth anniversary of the India-Australia Comprehensive Strategic Partnership, which has witnessed unprecedented progress across diverse sectors – from trade and investment to education, sports, and renewable energy.

"Defence and security cooperation now stand as one of the strongest pillars of our partnership. Australia and India have emerged as top-tier security partners, with defence engagements more than tripling in the past decade – from 11 activities in 2014 to 33 in 2024," said a source. "Our partnership enhances each other's strategic autonomy, options, and capabilities. The Air-to-Air Refuelling Implementing Arrangement - India's first with any partner - exemplifies growing interoperability," the source added.

Australia is also a strong supporter of India's defence industry ambitions.

Nitish gives ₹2,100 crore to women, opens Metro

The Hindu Bureau
PATNA

Hours before the Bihar election was announced, Chief Minister Nitish Kumar on Monday transferred ₹2,100 crore into the bank accounts of 21 lakh women beneficiaries under the Mukhyamantri Mahila Rojgar Yojana and inaugurated a section of Bihar's first Metro rail service in Patna.

With this, the National Democratic Alliance (NDA) government in Bihar disbursed ₹12,100 crore to 1.21 crore women beneficiaries, with each woman receiving ₹10,000 under the scheme. While launching the scheme on September 26, Prime Minister Narendra Modi had transferred ₹7,500 crore to 75 lakh women beneficiaries via videoconferencing from New Delhi in the presence of Mr. Kumar. On October 3, Mr. Kumar transferred ₹2,500 crore to 25 lakh women beneficiaries.

Mr. Kumar also inaugurated the first phase of the elevated priority corridor of the Patna Metro rail project. For now, the service will cater to three stations – Patliputra Bus Terminal, Zero Mile, and Bhoothnath.

Election dates out, but coalitions yet to lock in seat-sharing

JD(U) wants largest share in NDA, with BJP providing for smaller allies; RJD offers 12 seats to Vikassheel Insaan Party, six to CPI, four to CPI(M)

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NEW DELHI

Though the Bihar Assembly election dates are out, the National Democratic Alliance (NDA) and the Opposition grand alliance are yet to finalise seat-sharing. Each side is struggling to strike a balance between aspirations of its partners and winnability.

The composition of each bloc has changed since the 2020 election, with additional claimants for the 243 seats. As per sources, in the NDA, the Janata Dal(U) could contest 107 seats and the BJP 105. The remaining 31 will be divided among the Lok Janshakti Party (Ram Vilas), Hindustani Awam Morcha, and Rashtriya Lok Samta Party.

"JD(U) is the pre-eminent partner in the alliance and should be given the largest share. As far as LJP (RV), HAM and RLSP are concerned, they have been BJP's allies and it is for the BJP to negotiate the deal with them," JD(U) spokesperson K.C. Tyagi said.

In 2020, the JD(U) contested 115 seats, BJP 110, and HAM seven. The united Lok Janshakti Party contested 134 seats. Chirag Paswan's decision to contest alone led to a split in the party. Mr. Paswan's LJP (RV) is now in the NDA. "We do not want to be saddled with seats that no one else is willing to contest," a top LJP leader said.

It isn't easy for the grand alliance either. The RJD began discussions on Sunday with its allies. Sources say it has offered 12 seats to the Vikassheel Insaan Party. The CPI has been offered six seats and CPI(M) four. The CPI is learnt to be unhappy. To negotiate, party general secretary D. Raja will reach Patna on Tuesday.

No formal offer has been made to the CPI(ML), which has demanded 40 seats, or the Congress. The RJD, which contested 144 seats in 2020, do not want to climb down below 130, leaving 113 seats to be divided between five allies, including the Congress.

Party performance

The table shows the party and alliance-wise vote share and number of seats won in the 2020 Bihar Assembly elections

Alliance	Parties	Vote share (%)	Seats won
NDA	BJP, JD(U), VIP, HAM(S)	37.3	125
Grand alliance	RJD, Congress, Left parties	37.2	110
Grand Democratic Secular Front	AIMIM, BSP, RLSP	4.5	6
Others	-	21	2

SOURCE: ELECTION COMMISSION OF INDIA

Ticket seekers lose no time, dash off to party offices to press their case

Amarnath Tewary
PATNA

Soon after the Election Commission announced the Bihar Assembly election dates on Monday, ticket seekers and their supporters descended on the offices of major parties here to press their case.

With a crowd building up outside the Janata Dal (U) office, vehicular traffic on Beerchand Patel Path slowed down. The district administration has erected two makeshift shelters at the main entrance of the party office for men and women constables. Similar scenes were seen outside the offices of the BJP and the principal Opposition party, Rashtriya Janata Dal, a few metres ahead on the same stretch of the road.

"Within hours of the election dates being announced, our leader has come to the party office to stake his claim," said a person in white *kurta-pyjamas* inside an SUV parked outside the JD(U) office. Displayed on the vehicle was the slogan "*Hum hain Aurai Vidhan Sabha ka bhavishya* (We are the future of the Aurai Assembly constituency)".

Aurai is in Muzaffarpur district of north Bihar. In the 2020 Assembly election, the BJP won the seat. The party's Ram Surat Rai defeated the Communist Party of India (Marxist-Leninist) candidate Mohammad Aftab Alam by over 47,000 votes.

Anxious wait: BJP leaders watching the live telecast of the Election Commission's press conference on the Bihar Assembly election schedule at the party office in Patna on Monday. PTI

Poll prospects

Outside the BJP office, there was a traffic jam. Big billboards and posters of party leaders were visible from afar. People could be seen going in and coming out. At a tea stall outside, a few people in spotless white clothes sipped tea while discussing the poll prospects of the party this time. "Take it from me. The election is not going to happen in more than three phases and our party is going to form the government in the State," Sahyog Sharma, a businessman from Lakhisarai, said hours before the dates were announced.

Senior BJP leader and Deputy Chief Minister Vijay Kumar Sinha hails from Lakhisarai. Mr. Sinha has been a four-time MLA from the Lakhisarai constituency since 2005. Asked if he was a supporter of the BJP leader, the businessman quipped: "No, I'm a worker of the party."

Some distance away at the RJD's party office, a few vehicles were parked outside the premises while the boundary wall was plastered with posters of party leaders Tejashwi Yadav and Lalu Prasad.

"Tejashwi Yadav is going to be the Chief Minister of the State this time, if vote *chori* [theft] will not happen," said a young party member wearing a green *gamcha* (towel) around his neck.

"The *Mahagatbandhan* (grand alliance) had secured 110 seats [in 2020], just 12 short of a majority in the 243-member State Assembly," he said.

Both NDA, grand alliance claim they will form new government in Bihar

Amit Bhelari
PATNA

Both the ruling and Opposition parties in Bihar on Monday claimed they would form the next government in the State, following the Election Commission's announcement of Assembly election dates.

Senior Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) leader and Deputy Chief Minister Samrat Choudhary welcomed the commission's decision to hold the election in two phases. Speaking to pressperson in Patna, he said the public would bless the National Democratic Alliance (NDA) with a landslide victory.

Mr. Choudhary said that the NDA's development efforts had left the Opposition without issues to raise, and that the NDA government's return to power on November 14 was certain.

BJP president J.P. Nadda also welcomed the announcement by posting a message on X, saying that under the leadership of the Prime Minister, the NDA government in Bihar had become synonymous with public welfare and good governance.

"This election in Bihar is about continuously leading the State on the path of development, making it free from infiltrators, and preventing the return of Jungle Raj. I have full confidence that the people of Bihar will bless and support the NDA," Mr. Nadda said.

'NDA workers ready'

Janata Dal (United) State president Umesh Singh Kushwaha said that workers of all alliance partners in the NDA were ready to enter the electoral battle.

"Under the leadership of Nitish Kumar, the NDA is fully prepared to script a new victory on November 14. Over the past 20 years, Nitish*ji* has transformed Bihar, brought the rays of development to all sections of society, and ensured a fear-free environment by establishing the rule of law," Mr. Kushwaha said.

Union Minister and Lok Janshakti Party (Ram Vilas) national president Chirag Paswan also posted a message on X, saying now is the time to take Bihar to new heights on the national map.

"The LJP(RV) is fully prepared to enter the electoral battlefield with the goal of its "Bihar First-Bihari First" vision. Let us come together in this festival of democracy and ensure our participation in building a new Bihar," Mr. Paswan said.

Letter to people

Opposition Rashtriya Janata Dal (RJD) leader and former Deputy Chief Minister Tejashwi Yadav penned a letter to the people of Bihar and went live on Facebook.

"Bihar will vote for change after 20 years. Tejashwi will provide government jobs to everyone. What the previous government could not do in 20 years, we have accomplished in 20 months. Every voter is eager for change, and everyone wants the government of *Mahagatbandhan*," Mr. Yadav said.

Attacking Mr. Kumar, the RJD leader said Bihar needs a Chief Minister in good health.

Meanwhile, while addressing a press conference in Patna, Jan Suraaj Party founder Prashant Kishor said, "This time, the people of Bihar will vote not for Modi, Nitish, or Lalu, but for the bright future of their children."

LAB questions claims of 'normalcy' in Ladakh

The Hindu Bureau
LEH

The Leh Apex Body (LAB), which has spearheaded the agitation for Statehood and Sixth Schedule status for Ladakh, on Monday questioned the administration's claims of normalcy, and demanded "lifting of all restrictions" and an "end to harassment of *lumberdars* (village headmen)" who supported the LAB's demands.

The demand came amid improved situation in Leh, with the administration announcing fresh relaxations. It included reopening of schools up to Class 12, resumption of public transport, and opening of shops from 7 a.m. till 6 p.m. in Leh town.

Four civilians were killed and around 90 were injured during protests demanding Statehood on September 24, fuelling tension in the region, and were followed by spells of curfew. Restrictions continue on the assembly of more than four people, under Section 163 of BNSS. Mobile Internet services also remain suspended.

Jaishankar says India's interests are best secured by strategic autonomy

Suhasini Haidar
NEW DELHI

India has always exerted its strategic autonomy, External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar said on Monday, referring to the country's decision to sign a friendship pact with the Soviet Union in 1971 as a "necessary" choice, given the triangular threats India faced from the other big powers, the United States and China.

Speaking at the launch of the Aravalli Summit, organised by the Jawaharlal Nehru University's School of International Studies, marking its 70th anniversary, Mr. Jaishankar, an alumnus of the school himself, said that it was necessary for students of foreign policy to factor in a future of multi-alignment and multipolarity. Mr. Jaishankar said recent global volatility, including the imposition of tariffs by the U.S., had made the case for multi-alignment, more than allying with any one power, much stronger.

"Imagine if [India were] not today adopting strategic autonomy. Please tell me, which country in the world would you like to join up with and put [India's] future in their hands," he asked. "I can't think of anybody. [India's] interest is best secured by maximising its options, maintaining [its] freedom of choices," he said.

Mr. Jaishankar's comments came a day after he said that trade negotiations with the U.S. would have to respect India's "red-lines".

National interest

The government has also been facing increased pressure from the U.S. over the issue of Russian oil imports. While Mr. Jaishankar did not refer directly to India's position, amidst reports that Russian oil imports in September have been considerably reduced, he praised India's stand during the 1971 war with Pakistan and Liberation of Bangladesh, when India signed a Friendship Treaty with Soviet Union.

S. Jaishankar at the launch of the Aravalli Summit at Jawaharlal Nehru University in New Delhi on Monday. X/@DRSJAISHANKAR

The purpose of India's policy is not to solve problems, but to 'manage relationships to national advantage', says Jaishankar

"What we did was in our national interest – we were dealing with a U.S.-China triangle and we had to find a way out of this," Mr. Jaishankar said, answering questions from students at the event, which was co-hosted by the Ministry of External Affairs, and the newly launched Delhi-based Adani Group-owned think tank Chintan Research Foundation. "So, the decision we took in the midst of an acute national security crisis, was necessary," he added, addressing the audience, which included a number of diplomats, including the Ambassador of Russia to India Denis Alipov, and Bangladesh High Commissioner Riaz Hamidullah.

Asked about India's neighbourhood first policy amid signs of strains with a number of neighbours including Bangladesh, and protest-led regime changes in Sri Lanka and Nepal, Mr. Jaishankar said India has to be prepared to unilaterally "underwrite the infrastructure for cooperation" with countries in the region, and should become the "go-to option" for neighbouring countries when in need.

Managing relations

"Every country has problematic neighbours, and every big country has more problematic neighbours," the External Affairs Minister said, stressing that the purpose of India's policy was not merely to solve problems, but to "manage relationships to national advantage". Without directly naming Pakistan, he said that barring one country, India has effected "transformational change" in projects with neighbouring countries, in the areas of energy, roads, railway lines, and the movement of people.

Asked about the "re-hyphenation" of India with Pakistan, post Operation Sindoor, and a reference to recent developments where the U.S., Saudi Arabia, China, Turkiye, and other countries have forged closer ties with Islamabad, Mr. Jaishankar said India "cannot wish away a difficult neighbour", as that is a "reality". But he said that other countries no longer draw an equivalence between India and Pakistan.

Sonam Wangchuk case: top court asks Centre to consider sharing detention grounds with wife

Krishnadas Rajagopal
NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Monday orally asked the Union government to consider sharing the grounds of preventive detention of climate activist Sonam Wangchuk with his wife, Gitanjali Angmo, even as the Centre said her *habeas corpus* plea was a ruse to create an "emotive atmosphere".

Mr. Wangchuk was detained under the National Security Act (NSA), 1980, following violent protests in Leh on September 24. Dr. Angmo had asked the top court to direct the detaining authorities to produce Mr. Wangchuk in court.

She submitted that it had been 10 days since Mr. Wangchuk was reported to be detained at Jodhpur in Rajasthan on September 26. There was no information about the grounds of his detention or about the state of his health, she added.

Issuing notice to the Centre and the Ladakh administration, a Bench of Justices Aravind Kumar and N.V. Anjaria said "something has been done" for now. It posted the case for hearing next on October 14. The Bench, in its short order dictated in court after a brief hearing, put the ball completely in the hands of the Centre and other authorities concerned to decide whether or not to share the grounds of preventive detention of the climate activist with his wife.

Gitanjali Angmo

The court drew the attention of senior advocate Kapil Sibal, appearing for Dr. Wangmo, to Section 8 of the NSA. The provision required the grounds of detention to be communicated only to Mr. Wangchuk. Solicitor-General Tushar Mehta, appearing for the Centre and the Ladakh administration, said the authorities had shared the grounds with Mr. Wangchuk immediately, and there was no further obligation under the NSA to share them with his wife.

The Bench refused to take sides even as Mr. Sibal argued that Dr. Angmo would be handicapped to argue the *habeas corpus* on behalf of her husband and prove his detention as arbitrary and illegal without knowing the very grounds for his detention.

Ms. Wangmo has argued the detention was both malafide and designed to suppress democratic dissent. Her petition said that along with the illegal detention, a systematic, untruthful and false campaign was unleashed against him and his colleagues.

INBRIEF

Navy commissions its second ASW-class ship *INS Androth*

The Indian Navy commissioned *INS Androth*, the second Anti-Submarine Warfare Shallow Water Craft (ASW-SWC), at the Naval Dockyard in Visakhapatnam on Monday. The first ship to be commissioned in this category was *INS Arnala* in June. The ceremony was presided over by Vice-Admiral Rajesh Pendharkar, Flag Officer Commanding-in-Chief, Eastern Naval Command. Senior naval officers and representatives of Garden Reach Shipbuilders & Engineers were present. The ship has a length of 77m and displaces 1,500 tonnes. It is designed to undertake anti-submarine operations in coastal and shallow waters. The vessel is equipped with advanced machinery and control systems.

Indian Army inaugurates tent homestays in Uttarakhand

In a unique initiative to promote sustainable tourism and enhance rural livelihoods, the Indian Army inaugurated a tent-based homestay facility on Monday in the scenic border village of Garbyang, Pithoragarh district, Uttarakhand. The inauguration ceremony was led by Lieutenant-General D.G. Misra, General Officer Commanding, North India area. "Under Operation Sadbhavana, we are striving for sustainable development in border villages. This project will not only promote tourism but also spur rural development," he said. The project aligns with the Centre's Vibrant Villages Programme, the Army said in a communique.

Deliberations continue on proposed nuclear Bill

Questions on private sector's role, radioactive waste disposal yet to be settled; Finance Minister said in Feb. that govt. intends to amend Atomic Energy Act, Civil Liability for Nuclear Damage Act

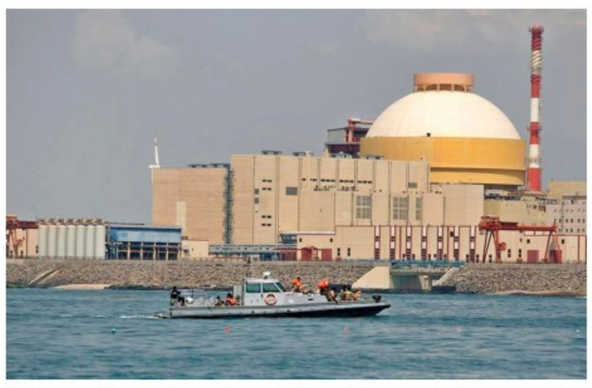
Jacob Koshy
NEW DELHI

Deliberations within the government continue on bringing in new legislation to allow the private sector to operate nuclear plants in India with questions regarding management of nuclear waste and determining if private players can conduct core research into nuclear technologies still being ironed out.

Drafts of the proposed new Bill were still being deliberated upon by an intergovernmental committee of experts as well as the Law Ministry though there was a "good chance" of it being introduced in the forthcoming Winter Session of Parliament, an official privy to the proceedings told *The Hindu* on condition of anonymity.

Currently, only Nuclear Power Corporation of India Ltd. (NPCIL), Bhartiya Nabhikiya Vidyut Nigam Ltd. (BHAVINI), and NPCIL-NTPC joint venture Anushakti Vidhyut Nigam Limited (ASHVINI) can build and operate nuclear power plants in the country.

In February, however, Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman said in her Budget speech that the government intended to amend two Acts – the Atomic Energy Act and the Civil Liability for Nuclear Damage Act – to enable private companies, including foreign companies, to form partnerships, and build and operate nuclear plants in India.



Nuclear reforms: Currently, only three PSUs can build and operate nuclear power plants in the country. FILE PHOTO

Despite the India-U.S. nuclear deal of 2008 formally allowing sale of nuclear technologies to India, though with built-in periodic checks and scrutiny by the International Atomic Energy Agency, clauses in India's Atomic Energy Act and the Civil Liability for Nuclear Damage Act (2010) have been impediments since they impose practically unlimited liability on foreign suppliers of nuclear equipment in case of an accident.

Alignment of laws

"The effort is to align India's laws on liability with that of conventions such as the Convention on Supplementary Compensation for Nuclear Damage (CSC)," the official noted. "However, we also have to bring clarity on questions such as who will be responsible, whether it is the private sector or the government power plant operators, for safe disposal of nuclear waste as well as the re-processing of spent nuclear fuel. There is also discussion on enabling research and development of core nuclear technologies."

The government's thrust to encourage greater private sector participation is with the larger objective of installing 100 GW of nuclear capacity by 2047. This is premised not only on importing foreign reactors but also developing Bharat Small Reactors (BSRs) and exploring partnerships with the private sector. BSRs are 220 MW Pressurized Heavy Water Reactors (PHWRs). These reactors are being upgraded to reduce land requirements, making them suitable for deployment near industries such as steel, aluminium, and metals units, serving as captive power plants to aid in decarbonisation efforts.

The plan involves private entities providing land, cooling water, and capital, while the NPCIL handles design, quality assurance, and operation and maintenance. This initiative aligns with India's commitment to achieving 500 GW of non-fossil fuel-based energy generation and meeting 50% of requirements from renewable energy by 2030.

Conclave on Nov. 3 to showcase 'evolution' of Indian science

Jacob Koshy
NEW DELHI

The government's first ever Emerging Science, Technology and Innovation Conclave (ESTIC), to be held in November, is meant to reflect the strides and "evolution" that India has made in science and technology over the years and is not a mere "upgrade" of the traditional Indian Science Congress, Science Minister Jitendra Singh said on Monday.

As *The Hindu* had reported in September, the Department of Science and Technology (DST) was set to organise the first-ever ESTIC in lieu of the Indian Science Congress.

A spat between the DST and ISC organisers – the Kolkata-based Indian Science Congress Association that is now in the courts further – ended up being the tombstone to the ISC, that was last held in its traditional format – with Prime Minister Narendra Modi in attendance – in Ludhiana in 2020.

"It would not be very polite to call the ESTIC as an upgraded ISC. But just as changes in technology over the years have seen the presentation formats, scientific themes and the manner of organisation evolve, similarly the ESTIC too will reflect India's growing stature in science and technology and showcase achievements in technology, growth of start-ups and ambitions for the future," Mr. Jitendra Singh said at a press conference.

He said Mr. Modi would "likely" inaugurate ESTIC and every year the conclave would be held in different places outside Delhi. "We intend to give it a greater international flavour every year but that would require planning over 12 months. This year we commenced preparations a little late, but you will see it evolve, with greater international participation of Nobel Laureates and leading figures, in the coming years," the Minister added.

75 exhibition stalls

The inaugural ESTIC event will be held at the Bharat Mandapam here on November 3 and 4. All of the government scientific Ministries, ranging from atomic energy, space and information technology, will be involved in its organisation. According to the event website, it will have 11 thematic technical sessions, 75 exhibition stalls by 'deep tech' start-ups. Nobel Laureate Andre Geim (2010, Physics) is expected to make an appearance.

Fisheries sector hopes to beat U.S. curbs with sustainability label

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NEW DELHI

About 10 Indian marine and saline fish and shrimp varieties are set to get the global Marine Stewardship Council (MSC) certification soon. The first batch is set to be submitted for the certification in 2026.

According to experts, the certification is likely to increase the revenue of the fisheries sector by 30% and help fishermen and traders find new markets other than the U.S. in the event of further trade restrictions due to the higher tariffs.

The certification will also help fishing communities begin ecologically sustainable fishing practices and ensure steady incomes.

Affluent markets such as the European and Japanese markets are looking for sustainability-certified seafood. FILE PHOTO

Fisheries Development Commissioner K. Mohammed Koya told *The Hindu* that the Union Government, under the Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana (PMMSY), would subsidise the certification process, which is done by third-party auditors.

Mr. Koya said that global affluent markets, such as European and Japanese ones, are looking for sustainably sourced fish.

"Sustainability is part of our fisheries. Some of our fish varieties may not immediately qualify for sustainable segregations, but many of the varieties are amenable to certification. Once we re-certify the fish, the advantages that we get include access to the best markets. It is a way of certifying the fish so that it gets a better price," he said.

Experts said the certification process is in its final stages and they are addressing the technical gaps, including stock assessments for shrimp, squid, cuttlefish and octopus, which are part of the varieties that await MSC certification.

It is primarily based on the Food and Agriculture Organisation's (FAO) Code of Conduct for Responsible Fishing and Guidelines for the Eco-labelling of Fish and Fishery Products from Marine Capture Fisheries.

Advanced stages

Speaking recently at a technical session jointly hosted by the MSC and the Sustainable Seafood Network India (SSNI) and the Seafood Exporters Association of India (SEAI), MSC's India head Ranjit Suseelan said the prioritised fisheries are in the advanced stages of assessment, raising expectations of MSC certification in the next year.

Cough syrup deaths: 3 FDA officials suspended in M.P.

Mehul Malpani
CHHINDWARA

The Madhya Pradesh government on Monday suspended the Deputy Controller and two drug inspectors of the Food and Drugs Administration (FDA) in connection with the death of 14 children, allegedly after consuming a cough syrup adulterated with a toxic chemical.

Deputy Controller Shobhit Kosta and drug inspectors Gaurav Sharma (Chhindwara) and Sharad Kumar Jain (Jabalpur) were suspended, while Controller Dinesh Maurya was transferred following directions from Chief Minister Mohan Yadav after he held a high-level meeting, a government statement said.

Speaking to reporters, Mr. Yadav said that instructions have also been issued to ban cough syrups made by two other manufacturers "We will not tolerate any kind of negligence with respect to matters concerning human life," Mr. Yadav said.

The mother of a victim showing medical records to Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Mohan Yadav on Monday. A.M. FARUQUI

The Chief Minister also visited various villages in Chhindwara district, and met with the families that lost their children.

State Congress president Jitu Patwari visited Chhindwara as well. He demanded the removal of Deputy Chief Minister Rajendra Shukla, who is also the Health Minister.

Mr. Patwari also demanded that a murder case be registered against the cough syrup manufacturer and senior officials of the health department.

The police have arrested Praveen Soni, a government paediatrician, who prescribed the Coldrif syrup to many of the deceased children.

IMA opposes doctor's arrest in cough syrup case

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The Indian Medical Association (IMA) on Monday raised strong objections to the arrest of a doctor in Madhya Pradesh in connection with the contaminated cough syrup case.

Calling the arrest "an indiscriminate action against a doctor", the IMA said this was a clear-cut case of a spurious drug, as defined in Section 17 B of the Drugs and Cosmetics Act.

The association said the action against the doctor was a classic example of legal illiteracy of the officials and the police.

"The arrest of doctor in haste shows an attempt to divert the attention of the people from the faults of regulatory bodies and the concerned pharmaceutical company," it said.

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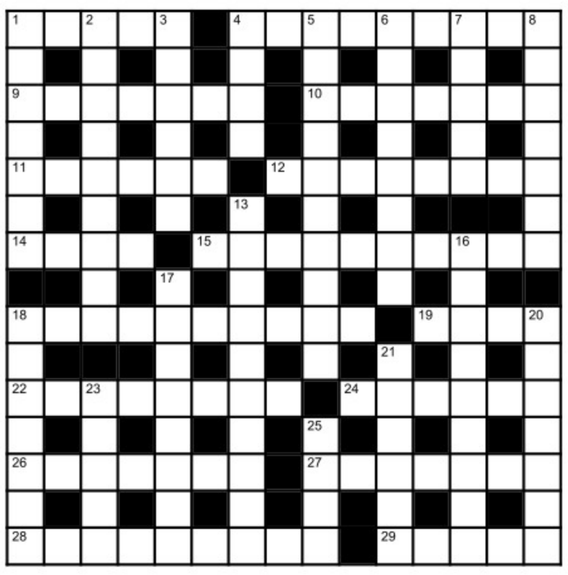

Across

1 Wild daughter leaves for college, returns polite (5)
4 Bundle new breaks into tax for affordability (9)
9 Pet's DNA shocked some particular people (7)
10 Resist free on-board crackers (no wrong done!) (7)
11 "Select the third option, no?" she teased (6)
12 Ponder: fine to replace temp fuse? (8)
14 What is misinterpreted as an increase in friendliness? (4)
15 Research probing secrets about women serving the clergy (10)
18 Child (one guarded by several rugged knights) (10)
19 Maybe ball bearings absorb shock to an extent (4)
22 "Get Back" amongst popular Queen soprano numbers? (8)
24 One might break through defences of exhausted housekeeper, snaffling cake sneakily (6)
26 Police officer claims victory after evicting General Electric employee (7)
27 Experience mince pies with celebratory song (7)
28 Says, in a strange voice, "Space agency makes up stuff about sun" (9)
29 Next Olympic boxing champion (5)

Down

1 Ape fur includes soft hints of yellowish colour (7)
2 On-screen entertainment? Bad movie, egad! (5,4)
3 Understands making one small change to large, fragile devices (6)
4 Turning point of century: American president (4)
5 Presumption: often, ferry gets diverted (10)
6 Fried bread, fried not fully kneaded, as that takes care of contaminants (8)
7 Substantially vile demagoguery is swelling in the U.S. (5)
8 Roads where moving right two steps and reversing changes nothing? (7)
13 Old Indian ways of batting (drives, etc.) limiting India (5,5)
16 Remove headless fish eaten by small fish (6,3)
17 He ain't gonna field regularly with finger injury (8)
18 Red Cross abruptly ordered to embrace extremes of imperialism by nationalist (7)
20 "Yes," admits Republican, "each Liberal is weird" (7)
21 Ridicule Sunday clothes (excluding one shirt) (6)
23 Some rabble-rouser (I think), raised flags (5)
25 Noisy females in stitches (4)

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Solution to previous puzzle

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Solution to yesterday's Sudoku

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FAITH

Versatile Valmiki

When a hunter transformed himself through inner awakening and became Valmiki, it heralded the arrival of a moral guide for mankind in the form of Valmiki's Ramayana, detailing the life of Rama in verse form, said Damal S. Ramakrishnan. After his transformation through meditation on Rama nama, Valmiki built an ashram on the very same spot and lived the life of a hermit. When Narada arrived there, Valmiki asked him to name one human being with 16 sterling qualities. Narada told him about Rama, precising everything from His birth to His Pattabhishekam.

His mind filled with Narada's discourse upon a man who had both compassion and renunciation, Valmiki went to the Tamasa river for a dip where a pair of curlews were singing when a hunter shot down the male bird, leaving the female in utter distress. Moved by the birds' plight, Valmiki cursed, "May you know no rest for endless years since you killed one of the pair of curlews." Wondering what impelled him to curse, Valmiki decided to turn the verse into a sloka. At the same time, Brahma appeared in the ashram and endorsing the sloka, and commanded him to tell the world the story of Rama, a man devoted to dharma and possessed of the highest qualities and accomplishments. Brahma further assured the sage that 'Whatever happened in public or in private to Rama and Sita, or the rakshasas would all be known to him, even the events hitherto unknown to Valmiki. Brahma further affirmed that nothing contained in his poem shall be falsified. He left after saying, "As long as the hills abide, so long shall the story of Rama be reputed in all the worlds."

SC to decide on securities transaction tax's constitutionality

Petition contends that the direct tax on securities transactions violates fundamental rights to equality and to trade or earn a livelihood

Krishnadas Rajagopal
NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court of India on Monday decided to examine a plea challenging the constitutional validity of the Securities Transaction Tax (STT), a direct tax levied on securities transactions through a listed stock exchange, as imposed under the Finance Act, 2004.

A Bench headed by Justice J.B. Pardiwala issued formal notice to the Union Government, through the Ministry of Finance, on the petition filed by Aseem Juneja, represented by advocate Siddhartha K. Garg, who contended that the STT violated fundamental rights to equality and to trade or earn a livelihood and the basic right to live with dignity.

The petition clarified that the challenge to the STT was not because the

The petition clarified it was not because the taxation was currently high. THE HINDU

taxation on the stock market participants had increased or that the taxation was currently high.

"The current petition is instead questioning the legality of the tax imposed in the form of STT... Firstly, it violates the principle of double taxation as the petitioner (a stock market trader) pays capital gains tax on the profit made in the market and then also has to pay STT, over and above this capital gains tax already paid on the same transaction," the plea submitted.

Secondly, Mr. Juneja contended that STT was the only tax in India which was imposed on the "sheer act of carrying out a profession and has to be paid irrespective of whether there is a profit made or not, which makes it almost punitive or deterrent in nature."

"Every tax in India is on the profit at the year-end but STT is applicable even if the stock market trader is operating in a loss. STT was introduced in 2004 to combat tax evasion in the stock market. This means that STT to stock market participants is what TDS is to salaried individuals. But the problem is that the TDS is refunded at the end of the year or adjusted with the income tax but no such provision is made for STT and the trader has to pay both," Mr. Juneja noted.

SC issues notice on plea for portal on financial holdings

Aaratrika Bhaumik
NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Monday issued notices to the Union Government and several financial regulators on a public interest litigation petition seeking the creation of an integrated digital platform that would allow citizens to access information about all their financial holdings, whether operational, inactive, or unclaimed, across entities regulated by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI), the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI), and the Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI).

A Bench of Justices Vikram Nath and Sandeep Mehta sought responses from the Union of India, the Ministry of Consumer Affairs, the RBI, SEBI, IRDAI, the National Savings Institute, the Employees' Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO), and the Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority (PFRDA).

IIHL acquires 100% stake in Sterling Bank

The Hindu Bureau
MUMBAI

IndusInd International Holdings Ltd. (IIHL), Mauritius has announced the acquisition of 100% stake in Sterling Bank, Bahamas. The company said in a statement that it had earlier acquired 51% stake in September 2022, and has now completed the acquisition of the remaining 49% equity.

The acquisition was made through IIHL's wholly owned subsidiary, IIHL (Capital), Mauritius.

Sterling Bank will be renamed as 'IIHL Bank & Trust Ltd.'

IIHL, a Mauritius-based entity with a net worth of $1.26 billion as of August 31, 2025, has a diversified investment portfolio across the Banking, Financial Services, Securities, and Insurance (BFSI) sectors. IIHL is the promoter of IndusInd Bank Ltd.

INBRIEF

ONGC to invest ₹8,110 cr. on 172 onshore wells in A.P.

Oil and Natural Gas Corporation Limited (ONGC) is set to invest ₹8,110 crore for onshore development and production of oil and gas from 172 wells in eight PML (petroleum mining lease) blocks in Andhra Pradesh. A committee under the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change has recommended Environmental Clearance for the project in a meeting held last month. While recommending the EC, the committee directed the ONGC to comply with all the environmental protection measures and safeguards proposed in the documents submitted to the Ministry. PTI

India's services PMI eases to 60.9 in September

The growth of India's services sector eased in September from the recent high in August, as new business and activity expanded at slower rates, according to a private monthly survey released on Monday. The seasonally adjusted HSBC India Services PMI Business Activity Index fell to 60.9 in September, from a 15-year high of 62.9 in August, amid competitive conditions and cost-control measures. Notwithstanding the moderation, the September Services PMI index was well above the neutral mark of 50 to signal another substantial upturn in output. PTI

Canara Robeco AMC set to raise ₹1,326 crore in IPO

Canara Robeco Asset Management Ltd. announced plans to raise ₹1,326 crore in initial public offering (IPO). The complete offer for sale of 49,854,357 equity shares by the promoter selling shareholders comprises 25,924,266 equity shares by Canara Bank and up to 23,930,091 equity Shares by ORIX Corporation Europe. The company has set a price band of ₹253 to ₹266 a share that is to be subscribed in lots of 56 equity shares and in multiples of 56, thereafter. Canara is selling a 13% stake in the IPO, while Robeco (ORIX Corporation) is selling 12%.

Sonowal accords ceremonial welcome to 'Very Large Gas Carrier' Shivalik

V. Kamalakara Rao
VISAKHAPATNAM

Union Minister of Ports, Shipping and Waterways Sarbananda Sonowal accorded a ceremonial welcome to the nation's first Very Large Gas Carrier (VLGC) Shivalik at the Visakhapatnam port, on its maiden call to the nation on Monday.

Shivalik, recently inducted under the Indian flag by the Shipping Corporation of India (SCI) Ltd. on September 10, represents a significant leap in India's maritime and energy logistics capability.

Mr. Sonowal congratulated the SCI team and lauded the Visakhapatnam Port Authority (VPA) for facilitating the vessel's smooth handling during its inaugural LPG consignment operation, at the port's LPG terminal.

Union Ports & Shipping Minister Sarbananda Sonowal flagging off VLGC Shivalik. V. RAJU

Other projects

Mr. Sonowal also inaugurated several developmental projects at Visakhapatnam Port Authority at Sagarmala Conventions, Saligrampuram.

These included the Operation & Maintenance of East Quay (EQ)-1A Terminal, awarded to M/s Green Energy Resources with an investment of ₹130 crore.

The project includes deployment of two 120-tonne Harbour Mobile Cranes (HMCs) and connected infrastructure for a 5+1 year period, enhancing capacity by 3 MMTPA.

The initiative is expected to generate around 150 jobs, reduce logistics costs, and strengthen Visakhapatnam Port's position as a key cargo hub on the East Coast.

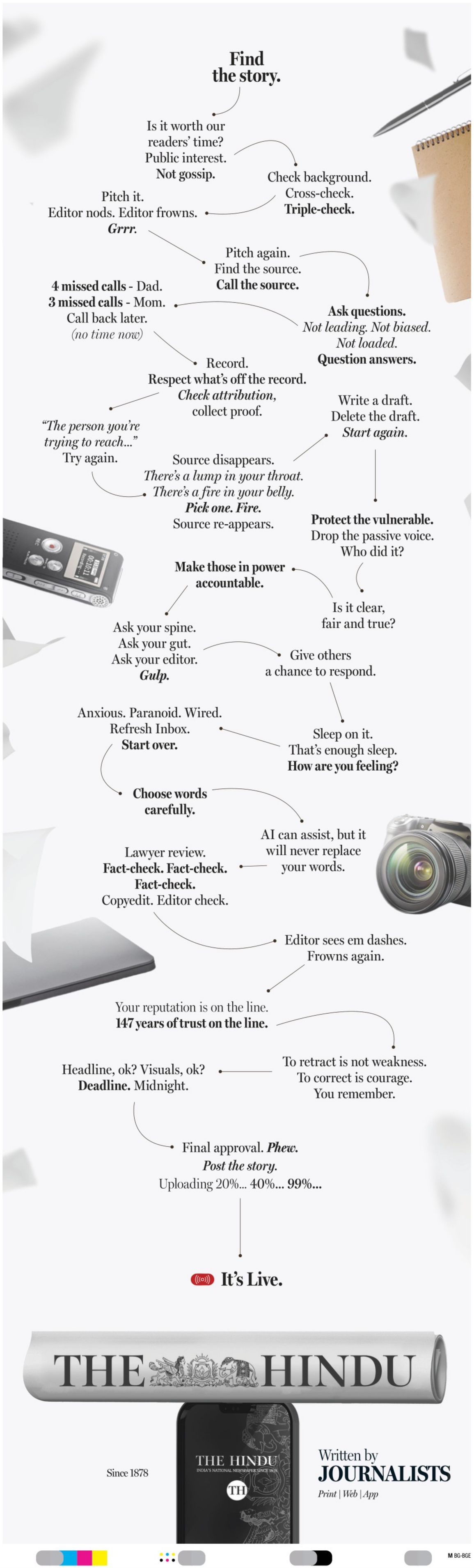
The Minister also inaugurated the Smart Video Surveillance Project, valued at ₹37.53 crore, executed by M/s RailTel Corporation of India Ltd., Hyderabad. The initiative integrates AI/ML-based Video Analytics, IoT technologies, and an Integrated Command Control Centre (ICCC) with five years of O&M support.

Designed to be implemented within 12 months, the project enhances port security, operational efficiency, and compliance while enabling real-time monitoring, asset tracking, and predictive analytics –making VPA a future-ready 'smart port.'

Another major project inaugurated was the Digital Health Card System, implemented by M/s Triunfador Pvt. Ltd., Visakhapatnam, at a cost of ₹1 crore.

The project, to be completed in three months, enables digital access to health records for employees, pensioners, and dependents through QR/Aadhaar-linked smart health cards.

Visakhapatnam MP M. Sribharat accompanied Mr. Sonowal, among others.



MOSCOW

Ukraine drone strikes cut off power for thousands in Russia

AFP

Russia's Defence Ministry on Monday said it had downed 251 Ukrainian drones overnight — one of the highest daily tolls since Russia launched its offensive in 2022. In the Belgorod border region, thousands were left without electricity. Ukraine has vowed to increase its strikes, in particular, on Russia's oil infrastructure. AFP

LONDON

Jilly Cooper, British best-selling author of racy romance, dies at 88

AP

British author Jilly Cooper known for her chronicles of class and sex in risqué novels, including *Rivals* and *Riders*, has died, her agent and family said on Monday. She was 88. The author died on Sunday after a fall, according to a statement. Britain's Prime Minister and royals were among those who paid tribute to the author. AP

DHAKA

Khaleda Zia's exiled son plans to return for Bangladesh elections

AFP

Bangladeshi politician Tarique Rahman said on Monday he would return "soon" from 17 years of self-imposed exile to contest the first elections since a 2024 mass uprising. Mr. Rahman, 59, son of former premier Khaleda Zia, is the acting chairman of the Bangladesh Nationalist Party, seen as a frontrunner in the upcoming polls. AFP

TEHRAN

Iran says it will not resume nuclear talks with Europeans 'at this stage'

REUTERS

Iran does not plan to resume nuclear talks with European countries after they reimposed sanctions, the foreign ministry said on Monday. Britain, France and Germany, signatories to the 2015 deal, reimposed sanctions on September 28. "We have no plans for negotiations at this stage," spokesman Esmaeil Baqaei said. AFP

Chaos in France as PM Lecornu quits a month after Macron appointed him

Lecornu earlier said conditions were no longer met to remain in office after failing to build a consensus in Parliament; the National Rally has urged Macron to call for snap elections or resign; outgoing PM given final chance to salvage government

Associated Press
PARIS

France's new Prime Minister Sébastien Lecornu resigned less than 24 hours after naming his government and after less than a month in office, plunging the country into a deep political crisis and leaving President Emmanuel Macron with few options.

The French presidency said in a statement on Monday that Mr. Macron, who has been hitting record lows in opinion polls, has accepted his resignation.

But in another twist, Mr. Macron held new talks with Mr. Lecornu in the evening and gave him two days to reach a plan for the country's "stability", the president's office said.

Outgoing Prime Minister Sebastien Lecornu, who resigned hours after naming cabinet, delivers his statement in Paris on Monday. AP

Mr. Lecornu responded that he agreed to hold final talks with political forces and that he would tell Mr. Macron on Wednesday evening "if it's possible or not, so that he can draw all the necessary conclusions."

Mr. Lecornu had replaced his predecessor, François Bayrou, in September to become France's fourth Prime Minister in barely a year during a prolonged period of political instability. French politics have been in disarray since Mr. Macron called snap elections last year that produced a deeply fragmented legislature and a political impasse. Far-right and left-wing lawmakers hold over 320 seats at the National Assembly, while the centrists and allied conservatives hold 210, with no party having a majority.

Mr. Lecornu had earlier said conditions were no longer met to remain in office after failing to build a consensus. "It would take little for it to work," Mr. Lecornu said in his resignation speech. "By being more selfless for many, by knowing how to show humility, one must always put one's country before one's party." With less than two years before the next presidential election, Mr. Macron's opponents tried to capitalise on the resignation, with the far-right National Rally calling on him to either call for new snap elections or resign.

India 'firm' on 'free and fair' election in Bangladesh: Misri

Kallol Bhattacherjee
NEW DELHI

Bangladesh should hold the next general election "without delay" and that India is in favour of "free, fair, inclusive and participatory" election in the country, said Foreign Secretary Vikram Misri on Monday.

Speaking to a group of visiting journalists from Bangladesh, Mr. Misri described the scheduled February 2026 election in Bangladesh as a "globally" important event and said India will engage with "any government" that is chosen by the people of Bangladesh. He added that the election will have to acquire both "domestic" and "external" legitimacy.

Vikram Misri

"I want to be very very clear in this one matter - if there is any doubt in anybody's mind - that India is firmly in favour of free, fair, inclusive and participatory elections in Bangladesh and it is in favour of these elections being held at the earliest possible," said Mr. Misri.

The election in Bangladesh was announced earlier this year, and Chief Adviser of the interim government of Muhammad Yunus reiterated on multiple occasions that the election would be held in February.

However, there have been questions about how inclusive would the election be as the Awami League, the party that governed Bangladesh between 2009 and 2024 remains banned, with its leader and former Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina staying in India.

Bangladesh has been demanding the extradition of Ms. Hasina to face trial in the International Crimes Tribunal (ICT) for the killing of protesters in July-August 2024 when Ms. Hasina faced a student-led uprising that overthrew her government.

Medicine Nobel for scientists who demystified the immune system

Jacob Koshy
NEW DELHI

The annual Nobel Week – when the world's most prestigious prizes for scientific achievement are announced – kicked off on Monday with three scientists, two Americans and one Japanese, sharing the Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine for unravelling tantalising aspects of the human immune system. Their discovery has helped blaze new paths into treating cancer as well as autoimmune disease – a condition by which the immune system ends up harming healthy cells they are meant to protect.

Human immune system is a complex of several cells – B cells, T cells, neutrophils and macrophages – that have a role in identifying and eliminating foreign bodies that may bring with it disease. This year's prize to Mary Brunkow, Fred Ramsdell and Shimon Sakaguchi was for discovering the mechanism and key constituents of the so-called 'peripheral immune tolerance'. The laureates identified the immune system's security guards, *regulatory T cells*, which prevent immune cells from attacking our own body.

Key find: The trio were awarded for their fundamental discoveries relating to peripheral immune tolerance. REUTERS

"Their discoveries have been decisive for our understanding of how the immune system functions and why we do not all develop serious autoimmune diseases," Olle Kämpe, chair of the Nobel Committee, said in a statement.

Shimon Sakaguchi made the first key discovery in 1995. At the time, many researchers were convinced that immune tolerance only developed due to potentially harmful immune cells being eliminated through a process called *central tolerance*. Mr. Sakaguchi showed that the immune system is more complex and discovered a previously unknown class of immune cells, which protects the body from autoimmune diseases.

Mary Brunkow and Fred Ramsdell made the other key discovery in 2001, when they presented the explanation for why a specific mouse strain was particularly vulnerable to autoimmune diseases. They had discovered that mice have a mutation in a gene that they named *Foxp3*. They also showed that mutations in the human equivalent of this gene triggered a serious autoimmune disease, IPEX.

Two years after this, Mr. Sakaguchi was able to link these discoveries. He proved that the *Foxp3* gene governs the development of the cells he identified in 1995. These cells, now known as 'regulatory T cells', monitor other immune cells and ensure that our immune system tolerates our own tissues.

The laureates' discoveries launched the field of peripheral tolerance, spurring the development of medical treatments for cancer and autoimmune diseases. This may also lead to more successful transplantations. Several of these treatments are now undergoing clinical trials.

UN to probe human rights violations in Afghanistan

Agence France-Presse
GENEVA

The UN Human Rights Council decided on Monday to launch a probe into serious rights violations in Afghanistan, amid growing alarm over the Taliban's measures targeting women and girls.

The United Nations' top rights body decided to set up an investigation to gather and preserve evidence of international crimes. A draft resolution brought forward by the European Union was adopted without a vote in Geneva.

The probe notably focuses on violations and abuses against women and girls

"Four years since the Taliban takeover by force, the human rights situation has only deteriorated amid a deepening humanitarian crisis," said Denmark's ambassador Ib Petersen, introducing the resolution on behalf of the EU. The scope of the probe notably includes violations and abuses against women and girls.

The resolution "deplores the Taliban's institutionalisation of its system of discrimination, segregation, domination, disrespect for human dignity and exclusion of women and girls".

Council member China disassociated itself from the consensus, saying the resolution "fails to acknowledge the positive progress achieved" in Afghanistan.

Hamas, Israel hold indirect talks on Gaza

Agence France-Presse
CAIRO

Delegations from Hamas and Israel on Monday began indirect talks in Egypt's Sharm El-Sheikh on ending the nearly two-year war in Gaza, Egyptian state-linked media said.

Delegations "are discussing conditions for the release of detainees and prisoners", in line with U.S. President Donald Trump's proposal to halt hostilities, *Al-Qahera News* reported.

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PURPLE PATCH

Brits slams her fifth ton in 2025, most by a player in a calendar year

GETTY IMAGES

South Africa's Tazmin Brits, who smashed an 89-ball 101 against New Zealand in the Women's ODI World Cup on Monday, now holds the record for most ODI hundreds (five) in a calendar year, going past Smriti Mandhana's tally of four. The Indian opener had scored four tons in a year twice (2024, 2025).

DYNAMIC DUO

Brits-Luus' 159-run stand the highest for SA in World Cups

GETTY IMAGES

Tazmin Brits' 159-run stand with Sune Luus is her fifth century partnership in ODIs this year, the most for South Africa in a calendar year. It is also South Africa's highest for any wicket in World Cups, bettering Marizanne Kapp and Dane van Niekerk's unbroken 128-run stand for the sixth wicket against Pakistan (Cuttack, 2013).

APLOMB

We want to play our A-game against England: Sultana

RITU RAJ KONWAR

"We want to play our A-game. Our win against Pakistan has given us a lot of confidence. In Colombo, it was a different surface but we played our best and won the match. We want to play the same way against England," Bangladesh skipper Nigar Sultana Joty said on Tuesday ahead of the match against England in Guwahati.

THRILLING WIN

Dabang Delhi completes the double over Pink Panthers

SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Dabang Delhi remained at the top of the PKL-12 table with a 29-26 win over Jaipur Pink Panthers in Chennai on Monday. Sandeep had a High Five, while Ashu Malik chipped in with eight raid points for Delhi. In the second match, Patna Pirates beat UP Yoddhas 36-28.
Sunday's result: Bengaluru Bulls bt Tamil Thalaivas 33-29.

Mlaba, Brits and Luus star as South Africa outplays New Zealand

The spinner's four-for helps the Proteas bowl out the White Ferns for 231; the opener and the No. 3's big partnership makes it a stroll in the park

On song: Mlaba's spell and Brits' hundred powered South Africa to a thumping win. GETTY IMAGES

ODI WORLD CUP

Anirudh Velamuri
INDORE

South Africa showed that the shellacking at the hands of England was an exception, not the norm, with a dominant six-wicket win against New Zealand in a Women's ODI World Cup league fixture at the Holkar Stadium here on Monday.

Tazmin Brits (101, 89b, 15x4, 1x6) and Sune Luus (83 n.o., 114b, 10x4, 1x6) carried on unfettered after losing skipper Laura Wolvaardt early in the 232-run chase. After her trademark early shakiness, the only hint of nerves Brits showed was as she neared the three-figure milestone, pulling out a new 'archer' celebration when the job was done.

While Lea Tahuhu managed to hit Brits' woodwork in the 32nd over and temper the surge to the finish line, Luus calmly helped the side get off the mark in the standings with almost 10 overs to spare. Most importantly, though, the win has done a world of good to South Africa's Net Run Rate, which has gone from -3.733 to -1.402.

Brits became only the third South African to score an ODI World Cup century after Linda Olivier and Marizanne Kapp. She is also the fastest to seven hundreds in the format (41 innings), bettering Australian legend Meg Lanning's tally (44).

Earlier, opting to bat, the Kiwis got off to a horrific start, with Kapp removing Suzie Bates – who became the first woman to 350 international caps – off the first ball of the innings. The low and slow surface helped the Proteas keep things tight, conceding just 38 runs in the PowerPlay, where 49 dots were bowled – the most in an innings in the tournament so far.

After Amelia Kerr succumbed to pressure, the onus of anchoring the White Ferns innings fell on the experienced shoulders of Sophie Devine again.

Meanwhile, Chloe Tryon claimed her 100th international scalp, removing a struggling Georgia Plimmer, which meant an incoming Brooke Halliday was tasked with boosting her side's sinking scoring rate.

However, once Nonkululeko Mlaba removed Halliday, the lower middle-order folded like a pack of cards. Seven wickets fell for just 44 runs, which eventually contributed to the White Ferns suffering a second defeat on the trot.

The scores: New Zealand 231 in 47.5 overs (Sophie Devine 85, Brooke Halliday 45, Nonkululeko Mlaba 4/40) lost to South Africa 234/4 in 40.5 overs (Tazmin Brits 101, Sune Luus 83 n.o.).
Toss: New Zealand; **PoM:** Brits.

Kranti — the new revolution in Indian women's cricket

Rising star: Kranti has scalped 18 ODI wickets in just nine games since making her international debut at the same stadium. AFP

Lavanya L
COLOMBO

Some 'life coming full circle' stories are incredibly special.

Kranti Goud made her debut at the R. Premadasa Stadium here in May, in the final of a Tri-Series against Sri Lanka, which also featured South Africa. She went wicketless but showed promise.

Five months later, the 22-year-old now has 18 ODI wickets in just nine games, has earned the faith of the think-tank over other experienced players, and has also shown courage with the bat. All this against quality opponents like England and Australia.

She once again put on a show with a match-winning performance against Pakistan in the Women's ODI World Cup at the same venue where she debuted.

Her village - Ghuwara in Madhya Pradesh - set up a screen on the ground she used to play in as a kid to watch along as Kranti took three crucial wickets (Sadaf Shamas, Aliya Riaz and Natalia Pervaiz) to derail Pakistan's chase and set up India's 88-run triumph.

"When I came in for my second spell, the captain wanted to remove the slip because the ball was old. I insisted on keeping the slip as I had a feeling I could draw out a wicket. That's exactly what happened. I had that faith," she said.

Kranti starred with the bat too, smacking two quick boundaries to maintain the tempo for Richa Ghosh, who helped India plump its score up to 247.

"Richa was telling me that if the ball is in my range, I should go for it, or at least rotate strike with a single. Only a few overs were left, but they kept bowling in my zone... so I hit them for four.

"Even the ball I got out to, I thought I could send it to the fence. I hope I can keep contributing with the bat in future matches too," she said with a wide smile.

Upbeat Bangladesh faces a stern test against England

Rajdeep Saha
GUWAHATI

England will face Bangladesh for only the second time in ODIs when the two sides meet in the Women's World Cup at the Barsapara Stadium here on Tuesday.

The first time the teams played each other in the format was in the 2022 World Cup in New Zealand. With a 100-run win, England had booked its place in the semifinals of that edition.

While a lack of history between the teams means no possibility of drawing inferences, a look into their wins in the ongoing tournament points to victories earned in similar fashion.

Both matches were low-scoring affairs as England and Bangladesh bundled out their opponents for paltry totals before chasing them down without much hassle.

In England's 10-wicket demolition job of South Africa – set up by the spin trio of Linsey Smith, Charlie Dean, and Sophie Ecclestone – openers Tamsin Beaumont and Amy Jones chased down 70 runs in 14.1 overs.

Clear vision: Sciver-Brunt's England will look to sustain the momentum. RITU RAJ KONWAR

For Bangladesh, too, the Akter trio of Marufa, Shorna, and Nahida bowled miserly spells to restrict Pakistan to 129, which was chased down in 31.1 overs, thanks to Rubya Haider's maiden ODI fifty.

England's middle-order is yet to get a hit in the centre, but the presence of skipper Nat Sciver-Brunt and Sophia Dunkley, who starred in that 2022 match, only reinforces the side's batting strength.

For the Tigresses, the lack of batting depth already puts them on the back foot against the four-time champion.

Past the top five, which includes captain Nigar Sultana Joty, there's no player who can threaten with the willow.

Having already played in the spin-friendly Barsapara conditions once, the advantage will be with England even before the first ball.

Dean wary of Tigresses' bowling

Rajdeep Saha
GUWAHATI

England spinner Charlie Dean is ready to face the "different kind of challenge" Bangladesh can pose during its Women's ODI World Cup fixture at the Barsapara Stadium on Tuesday.

The 24-year-old off-break bowler said the Tigresses have what it takes to trouble the four-time champion.

"Bangladesh's bowling attack is, I think, ranked number one in terms of the economy that they've managed to achieve in the last 18 months. So, it's nothing to be sniffed at. Bangladesh has Marufa [Akter], with that big inswing early on and then a lot of different spinners. We're not taking Bangladesh lightly at all. We'll try to make them play the big shots and restrict the scoring. I think it would be a different kind of challenge," Dean said on Monday.

England had thumped South Africa by 10 wickets at the same venue. However, the conditions may be slightly different from what the players dealt with then.

"We're on a fresh pitch. We've got to reassess. But the learnings from the last game was that back of the length seemed quite hard to face as batters. Bringing our lengths back was really key, so no easy drives could get off. And playing these night games, we know that it's probably going to skid on a bit later on towards the back end. It's those things that we have in mind going into tomorrow [Tuesday] and then we adapt from there".

Today's match

England VS Bangladesh

Guwahati, 3 p.m.

HEAD-TO-HEAD IN ODIs
Played: 1
England 1 | Bangladesh 0

IN WORLD CUPS
Played: 1
England 1 | Bangladesh 0

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Time ripe for Rahul to reap the fruits of labour at home

Vivek Krishnan
NEW DELHI

Of the many avatars that K.L. Rahul has donned in his decade-long international career, he seems at his most comfortable in his present position: as opening batter and senior statesman of a young Indian Test team. His ease was discernible in his classy exhibition against the West Indies in the first Test at Ahmedabad last week as the 33-year-old celebrated his 11th Test hundred with a raised bat and a kiss of the helmet.

He has scored runs against far more hostile bowling attacks in much more demanding conditions, as nine centuries in 43 Tests away from home testify. But the ton against the West Indies is significant for the very reason that there was a sense of inevitability about the way he went about his business.

That it was just his second three-figure score in 21 Tests and 33 innings at home encapsulates Rahul's vexing career. It gives the impression that his game against spin isn't quite as robust, but it is worth noting that his home average of 41.63 is significantly better than his average of 33.84 outside India.

Cold numbers have never done justice to Rahul's credentials. But since the tour of England in June, it appears as though the figures are finally aligning with the abundant ability that Rahul has always possessed. At the end of a gripping five-Test duel versus England, Rahul was India's second-highest run-getter, behind Shubman Gill, with 532 runs at an average of 53.2. During the tour, he shed light on how mental drills with Formula One coaches had enhanced his reaction time.

> I needed to make that mental switch to enjoy grinding and getting hundreds with singles and twos

Having gone through the grind for many years, the time is ripe for Rahul to fill his boots in the home season and bolster his overall average of 36. He seems in the mood to do so: before his ton in the first Test against West Indies, he also amassed an unbeaten 176 for India-A against Australia-A in a successful run chase of 412.

"When you travel abroad and play in seaming, swinging conditions, there's a lot of challenge doing that," Rahul told the official broadcaster in Ahmedabad. "And when we come back home, you need to dig in and need to get your runs with singles. I needed to make that mental switch to enjoy doing that, enjoy grinding and getting hundreds with singles and twos. That's the only difference I can see. And probably that's why I wasn't doing that well when I played at home".

Drought ends: The hundred in Ahmedabad was Rahul's second three-figure score in 21 Tests and 33 innings in India. VIJAY SONEJI

Milan, Juventus fail to break the deadlock

EURO LEAGUES

Agencies
TURIN

AC Milan's Christian Pulisic missed a penalty and his side had to settle for a 0-0 draw away to Juventus on Sunday, denying the visitors a return to the top of the Serie A standings.

After Napoli and AS Roma, along with Inter Milan, all registered wins over the weekend, the pressure was on Milan and Juventus to keep pace at the top, leading to a cagey game where Pulisic's error proved costly.

Milan has 13 points, third in the standings and two points behind leaders Napoli and Roma, while Juventus is a further point back in fifth, behind Inter on goal difference.

In LaLiga, Atletico Madrid stumbled to a 1-1 draw at Celta Vigo, playing more than half the game with 10 men. French defender Clement Lenglet was sent off in the 40th minute. Diego Simeone's side is fifth, eight points behind leader Real Madrid and six behind second-placed Barcelona.

Top results: LaLiga: Espanyol 1 (Lozano 15) lost to Real Betis 2 (Cucho 54, Abde 63); Real Sociedad 0 lost to Rayo Vallecano 1 (Pacha 84); Celta Vigo 1 (Aspas 68) drew with Atletico Madrid 1 (Starfelt 6-og). **Serie A:** Juventus 0 drew with AC Milan 0.

INBRIEF

Former WI all-rounder Bernard Julien passes away

Former West Indies all-rounder Bernard Julien, who was part of the 1975 World Cup-winning squad, died at the age of 75 on Saturday in Valsayn in Trinidad and Tobago. The left-handed Julien played 24 Tests for the West Indies, scoring 866 runs at an average of 30.92 and took 50 wickets at 37.36. In 12 ODIs, he scored 86 runs and claimed 18 wickets at 25.72.

Velavan, Chotrani advance in Open Squash Classic

India's Velavan Senthilkumar and Veer Chotrani advanced to the round-of-16 in the Open Squash Classic, a $74,000 PSA Bronze event in New York. Velavan defeated Pakistan's Md. Ashab Irfan 11-2, 11-8, 14-12 in the opening round on Sunday, while Chotrani beat Abhay Singh 6-11, 11-6, 11-5, 11-5. Ramit Tandon received a first-round bye.

Samson is official ambassador for Premier League in India

Indian cricketer Sanju Samson has been appointed as the official ambassador for the Premier League in India. He met former England striker Michael Owen during a Premier League fan engagement event in Mumbai.

Fabio Cannavaro appointed Uzbekistan coach

Uzbekistan has hired former Italy defender Fabio Cannavaro as national team coach ahead of its first World Cup appearance next year. Cannavaro is taking over the role with immediate effect, the Uzbekistan football association said on Monday.

LIVE TELECAST

Tennis: Shanghai Masters, Sony Sports Ten 1 & LIV, 10 a.m.
Women's ODI World Cup: Star Sports 1 & JioHotstar, 3 p.m.
PVL: Sony Sports Ten 1 (SD & HD) & LIV, 6.30 p.m.
PKL: Star Sports 2 (SD & HD) & JioHotstar, 8 p.m.

India off to flying start in mixed team campaign

The home team uses the substitution rule to advantage in its opener against Nepal; Unnati and Tanvi shine in their respective singles contests; Sri Lanka edges UAE in the other Group-H tie

BADMINTON

Press Trust of India
GUWAHATI

Host India kicked off its mixed team campaign with a commanding win over Nepal, while Sri Lanka stunned the UAE in a nail-biting finish on the opening day of the BWF World Junior Championships here on Monday. India, seeded second, sailed through 45-18, 45-17 in its Group-H opener, while Sri Lanka took advantage of the changes made by the UAE to win 30-45, 45-34, 45-44.

Former champions Indonesia and South Korea, and 14-time winner China had little problem beating their respective opponents in straight sets.

The mixed team championships is being played under a new best of three relay-scoring format.

Each tie will be contested for the best of three sets up to 45 points, with each set comprising five matches - one each in men's singles, women's singles, men's doubles, women's doubles and mixed doubles. Teams are also allowed to change their players for each set.

Great start: India registered a dominating victory against Nepal. ANI

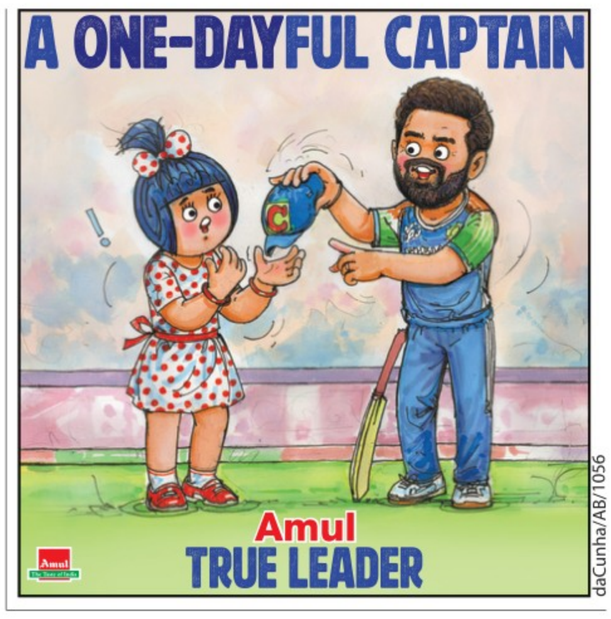
India took advantage of this substitution rules against Nepal. Unnati Hooda and Asian u-19 championships bronze medallist Tanvi Sharma were clinical in their respective girls singles matches, while Suryansh Rawat and Rounak Chouhan warmed up for bigger challenges without breaking any sweat.

But it was a tie between Sri Lanka and the UAE that was gripping as the former came back from a set down to win.

Having lost the opening set rather easily, Sri Lanka benefitted from the UAE's decision to replace Bharath Latheesh with Riyan Malhan in boy's singles.

India will meet Sri Lanka on Tuesday and then the UAE on Wednesday.

The results (after first two session): Group B: France bt Norway 45-16, 45-24; USA bt Vietnam 45-42, 45-30; **D:** Turkiye bt Uganda 45-22, 45-22; China bt Ghana 45-14, 45-10; **E:** Chinese Taipei bt Brazil 45-24, 45-19; Denmark bt Netherlands 45-40, 45-22; **F:** Indonesia bt Philippines 45-27, 45-40; Hong Kong China bt Slovenia 45-24, 45-25; **G:** Poland bt Bhutan 45-13, 45-11; Korea bt Hungary 45-22, 45-29; **H:** India bt Nepal 45-18, 45-17; Sri Lanka bt UAE 30-45, 45-34, 45-44.



MRF Tyres clinches ERC 2025 team c'ship in Croatia

Sports Bureau

Team MRF Tyres clinched the FIA European Rally Championship (ERC) team title for the third time during the Croatia Rally in Zagreb on Sunday.

Team MRF finished with 208 points, two ahead of M-Sport Ford World Rally Team.

Following victories in 2022 and 2023, the ERC championship has been reclaimed by Team MRF Tyres. The 2025 season was marked by strong performances, with team victories in Hungary and Poland and a one-two finish in Sweden.

At the Croatia Rally, all three Team MRF Tyres crews finished inside the overall top-ten to clinch the title.

The best result came from Lauri Joona and Kristian Temonen (Skoda Fabia RS Rally2), who finished sixth overall.

Making their debut on MRF Tyres, the Finnish crew completed all 10 special stages without issues, a strategy that paid off.

On cloud nine: The triumphant Team MRF Tyres.
SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Kruthik, Shikhar included in the squad for Ranji Trophy opener

Sports Bureau
BENGALURU

Wicketkeeper-batter Kruthik Krishna and left-arm spinner Shikhar Shetty have been rewarded with spots in Karnataka's 15-man squad for its Ranji Trophy opener against Saurashtra in Rajkot from October 15.

The duo turned in fine performances in the recently concluded Dr (Capt.) K. Thimmappiah Memorial Tournament, with Kruthik starring in KSCA Secretary's XI's run to the final by scoring 349 runs (including four half-centuries), and Shikhar, 20, taking 20 wickets for KSCA Colts from three matches.

Just reward: Kruthik amassed 349 runs in the recent Dr (Capt.) K. Thimmappiah Memorial Tournament. K. MURALI KUMAR

Spin has been an area of concern for Mayank Agarwal & Co. in the recent past. While the seasoned Shreyas Gopal will be the leader, trust has been reposed in the likes of Shikhar and another young off-break bowler in 22-year-old Mohsin Khan, who debuted last season and played two matches.

Left-arm spinner Hardik Raj, 19, has been left out after a lacklustre performance in the Thimmappiah Tournament, where he took just three wickets from two matches.

Expectedly, National team players like K.L. Rahul, Devdutt Padikkal and Prasidh Krishna have been left out, for the contest will commence just a day after the second Test between India and the West Indies concludes in Delhi.

The squad:
Mayank Agarwal (Capt.), Karun Nair, R. Smaran, K.L. Shrijith (wk), K.V. Aneesh, Abhinav Manohar, Nikin Jose, V. Vyshak, Vidwath Kaverappa, Shreyas Gopal, Kruthik Krishna (wk), Shikar Shetty, Mohsin Khan, Abhilash Shetty, M. Venkatesh.

Triple delight for Bhagat

Press Trust of India
NEW DELHI

Pramod Bhagat clinched three titles at the first Abia para badminton international tournament in Abia, Nigeria recently. The 37-year-old won the singles SL3 crown with a 21-7, 9-21, 21-9 win over compatriot Mantu Kumar in final. Bhagat then combined with Sukant Kadam to add the doubles gold, defeating Peru's Gerson Jair Vargas Lostaunaul and Diana Rojas Golac 21-13, 21-17. Bhagat's third title came in mixed doubles (SL3-SU5), where he partnered with Arati Patil.

BENGALURU ROUND-UP

Anvay Dravid to lead Karnataka u-19 squad

Anvay Dravid will lead Karnataka in the Vinoo Mankad (U-19) Trophy List-A matches to be held in Dehradun from October 9 to 17. Karnataka will play Hyderabad, Chandigarh, Tripura, Himachal Pradesh and Chhattisgarh before the knockouts commencing on October 25 in Rajkot.

The squad: Anvay Dravid (Capt. & wk), Nitish Arya, Aadesh D. Urs, Manikanth Shivanand, Praneeth Shetty, Vaasav Venkatesh, Akshath Prabhakar, C. Vaibhav, Kuldeep Singh Purohit, B.R. Rathan, Vaibhav Sharma, K.A. Tejas, Atharv Malviya, Sunny Kanchi, Rehan Mohammed (wk).

Former footballer Sachindra Rao passes away

Former Karnataka footballer Sachindra Rao passed away in Bengaluru on Sunday. He was 71. Rao, who had his best footballing years in the 1980s, represented Karnataka, BEL and Madura Coats, and led the State team in the 1981 Santosh Trophy.

The Karnataka State Football Association condoled the death and observed a minute's silence during the Super Division matches on Monday.

South United downs Parikrma

South United FC beat Parikrma FC 4-1 in the KSFA Super Division League football.

The results: South United FC 4 (Shogouhou 24, B. Abiram 51, Makakmayum 57, Tharun Kumar 90+3) bt Parikrma FC 1 (Manglenthang Sing Sit 56); United Stars FC 2 (K. Kaviarasan 15, Murali Srinivas 60) bt HAL FC 1 (Md. Arshad 39); Roots FC 1 (A. Deepak Raj 34) bt FC Agniputhra 0.

Shivashankar elected BTC chairman

L. Shivashankar was unanimously elected as chairman & senior steward of the Bangalore Turf Club for 2025-26 at a meeting of the members of the managing committee on Monday.

Managing committee:
Chairman & senior steward: L. Shivashankar; **stewards:** K. Uday Eswaran, Shankar Balu, Arvind S. Katarki, Ritesh Kumar Singh IAS, Nithyanada Rao, C. Mahesh Medappa, R. Manjunath Ramesh and Seemanth Kumar Singh IAS.
Committee members:
Dayanand R. Mandre, M.C. Manjunath Urs, C. A. Prashanth, Vikram Singh and K. Shasha Bindu Das.

SNAPSHOTS

Meteors jump to the top spot in PVL

HYDERABAD: Mumbai Meteors continued its perfect run in season four of the Prime Volleyball League, defeating Calicut Heroes 15-9, 15-8, 15-12 at the Gachibowli Indoor Stadium in Hyderabad here on Monday.

Perfectly executed tactics gave Meteors three points and a place at the top of the table.

Marathas get the better of Yodhas

NEW DELHI: Mighty Marathas defeated Prithviraj Yodhas 6-2 in the Archery Premier League at the Yamuna Sports Complex here on Monday.

On Sunday, Yodhas had defeated Chero Archers in a shoot-off while Rajputana Royals continued their good run with a 6-2 victory against Kakatiya Knights.

For the Yodhas, Abhishek Verma proved his class in the shoot-off by hitting a perfect 10 to give his team an early lead.

Gatha Anandrao followed up with another one, eventually helping the Yodhas seal victory.

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3.	Time for Completion	:	4 (Four) Calendar Months
4.	Approximate Estimated Cost varies from	:	Rs.148.96 lakhs to Rs.230.36 lakhs
5.	Mode of Submission of tender	:	Tender should be submitted online in www.tendersodisha.gov.in
6.	Other details are as follow		

Procurement Officer	Bid Identification No.	Availability of Tender on-line for bidding From	To	Last Date & Time of seeking tender clarification	Date & Time of opening of tender Technical Bid	Financial Bid
Chief Construction Engineer, R.W. Circle, Bolangir.	BLGR-Online-20/2025-26	08.10.2025 at 11.00 A.M.	22.10.2025 upto 5.00 P.M.	20.10.2025 upto 5.00 P.M.	23.10.2025 at 11.00 A.M.	The date will be intimated later on

- Further details can be seen from the website **www.tendersodisha.gov.in**
- Any Corrigendum/Addendum will be displayed in the above e tender website only.

Chief Construction Engineer, R.W.Circle, Bolangir
O-907: OIPR-25118/11/0063/2526

OFFICE OF THE ROURKELA MUNICIPAL CORPORATION
Udit Nagar, Rourkela, Dist.: - Sundargarh (Odisha) Pin - 769012
Website : www.rmc.nic.in, Email Id : rourkelamunicipality@gmail.com

No. 11598 **TENDER CALL NOTICE** Date: 04/10/2025

Sealed tenders are invited from the reputed firms /Agencies for **"Engagement of Manpower for Maintenance & Cleaning of Sewerage Line & Pit of Koelnagar on Outsource Basis"**.

Detail technical specifications, along with terms & conditions etc. may be seen from the Web site of Rourkela Municipal Corporation i.e. **www.rmc.nic.in**. Date of issue of tender documents from dtd.**06.10.2025**

The last date for receipt of sealed tender is **20.10.2025** till **01.00 P.M.** through Speed Post/ Regd. Post/ Courier/ or by hand in the office address of the undersigned.

Commissioner,
Rourkela Municipal Corporation
C-1216: OIPR-13131/11/0170/2526

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Dr. Harisingh Gour Vishwavidyalaya, Sagar (M.P.)
"A Central University" | A+ Grade by NAAC (Fourth Cycle)
Ref. No. /DoFA/PE/GF/2025/281 29/09/2025

Walk-In Interview

Department of Physical Education

Applications are invited for the engagement of guest faculty (per lecture basis) in 01 discipline in the Department of Physical Education of the university. Applicants are advised to visit the Website Link **https://dhsgsu.edu.in/recruitment** for the detailed advertisement and application form.

Date of interview: 14-10-2025
Time of interview: 12.00 PM
Venue of interview: Gour Samiti Kaksh, Main Administrative Building Dr. Harisingh Gour University, Sagar
Website link: **https://dhsgsu.edu.in/recruitment**

Registrar